Pennsylvania Equine Council Scholarship: Guidelines & Information for Applicants

Eligibility

- Applicants must have a current individual or family membership in the Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC) as of March 31st.
- Applicants must have been accepted to a college, university, community college, vocational institute or institute of higher learning (*any academic program*)
- Applicants should be active participants in the equine industry and committed to future involvement in the industry.

Application Process

- The application, guidelines and selection criteria are available from:
    - Scholarship Committee: **dalton.tori.marsteller@gmail.com**
    - **http://pennsylvaniaequinecouncil.org** under "Members Central", "Scholarship"
- Applications must be received by **June 1.**
- ***Submission of application by e-mail is acceptable.*** *Mailed applications (including original signed letters of reference) must be mailed to the address included on application page.*
- The completed application must include:
    - Application (three pages) Includes contact information, participation in activities/organizations, and personal statement topic (500words maximum) explaining the influence of equine activities on career goals.
    - Three letters of reference:
        - Letters must include the contact information of the reference person and their written signature (not digital). (Please avoid using references from relatives.)
        - Two from an adult or equine industry professional (Examples: adult leader, PEC member, trainer, 4-H leader, etc.)
        - One from a community leader or educational professional (Examples: teacher, guidance counselor, pastor, coach, etc.)
    - Letter of acceptance from college, university, community college, etc. and/or current year billing statement (must include applicant's name and institution's name and address)

Interviews ***may*** be conducted for top candidates (by phone or in person)

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Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on: participation in PEC programs/activities, involvement in equine organizations/activities, participation in youth leadership programs, personal statement, application form, reference letters, community service and interview (if conducted). See score sheet for details.

Selection Process

- The PEC Scholarship Committee will be responsible for selecting award recipients.
- Applicants will be scored and ranked according to stated criteria. Highest scoring applicant will be awarded the scholarship.
- Applicants must receive a minimum score of 85 points to be eligible for a scholarship.
- Incomplete applications or applications lacking all requested items will not be eligible for consideration.

Award Amount

- Funding for the scholarship varies from year to year and is contingent upon availability of funds. The amount available will be determined by the PEC Board with a minimum amount of $500.

Award Presentation

- Award to be presented at a designated PEC event with the scholarship recipient receiving a certificate and congratulatory letter.
- The scholarship check will be presented after the student has submitted his/her semester grades of at least a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and proof of enrollment for the next semester (send an official copy of selected class schedule for the upcoming semester).
- The scholarship check will be made out to the student.

Pennsylvania Scholarship Application

APPLICANTS INFORMATION

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	

Years in PEC/Member Organization (must be current member as of March 31st)

_____

Name(s) of Equine Organization/Association:

Signature_____

Date _____

Send completed application and all the required documents to:

Tori Marsteller dalton.tori.marsteller@gmail.com
629 Billy Boyd Road
Stoneboro, PA 16153

***Deadline*: Completed application must be received by June 1**

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Provide responses in the areas below (neatly written) or typed on separate sheets. Be concise as possible. Do not exceed two pages for your responses. Do not exceed 500 words for your personal statement.

Involvement in Pennsylvania Equine Council Activities/Events:

Other Equine Activities/Organizations you have participated in: (local, county, national, international)

Youth Leadership Programs & Activities: (current or past)

Community Service Activities you are involved with:

Other Participation Activities

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Personal Statement Topic Essay

"Involvement with equine activities has prepared me for my future career and future participation in the equine industry."

In 500 words or less, explain the influence you have had with equine activities on your future career goals. You may use the space below or type your essay on a separate sheet of paper.

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Application Checklist:

- Completed & signed application form ☐
- Submit participation information ☐
- Submit Personal Statement Topic
- Include three reference letters: *that include the contact information of the reference person and their **written** signature (not digital)*
  - Two from an adult or equine industry professional ☐
    - *(Examples: adult leader, PEC member, trainer, 4-H leader, etc.)*
  - One from a community leader ☐
    - *(Examples: teacher, guidance counselor, pastor, coach, etc.)*
- Submit copy of an official letter of acceptance from college, university, community, college, etc. **and/or** billing statement from current year☐
- **Do not** submit the scoring pages; those are for your reference in application completion.

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Scholarship Contacts for more information:

Tori Marsteller
629 Billy Boyd Road
Stoneboro, PA 16153
(814) 758-4268 dalton.tori.marsteller@gmail.com

Pennsylvania Equine Council Scholarship Score Sheet

PEC Activities ..... 15 Points _____
(County, regional or state PEC event, PEC booth at Farm Show/Horse Expo, Equine Learning Center, PEC trail activity, PEC annual meeting, etc.)

Equine Activities/Organizations..... 15 Points _____
(4-H, FFA, Pony Club, riding club, breed or discipline association – AQHYA, AJPHA, USEF, USDF, ECTRA etc; Includes events/activities such as horse shows, camps, clinics, trail rides, 3-day events, etc. at local, county, state, regional, national, or international level)

Youth Leadership Programs ..... 20 Points _____
(Club/organization leader, club/organization officer, officer training, camp counselor, leadership conferences, American Youth Horse Council Symposium, etc.)

Community Service ..... 15 Points _____
(Trail maintenance & cleanup, Food Bank collections, etc.)

Personal Statement ..... 20 Points _____
(Concise, well written; includes impact of past involvement with equine industry on career and goals for future involvement in equine industry)

References..... 10 Points
(Two from an adult or equine industry professional {*Examples: adult leader, PEC member, trainer, 4-H leader, etc*.}; one letter from community leader {*Examples: teacher, guidance counselor, pastor, coach, etc*.}, must include the contact information of the reference person and their written signature {not digital})

Application ..... 5 Points _____
(Neat, complete, correct grammar, spelling etc.)

Total Points _____
(*100 possible points)*