



The SAHJA scholarship is open to all high school seniors planning on attending an accredited college in the fall. All applicants must be a SAHJA member for a minimum of three years, they do not need to be consecutive years but must be a member in the current year, and have a 3.0 GPA or greater. The application is made up of two parts and completed application must be received **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Part one

This section is reviewed by a committee of SAHJA board members with no relationship to any applicants. The committee will review the answers to the three questions as well as the letter of recommendation. This portion makes up 50% of the application.

**Question 1:** How many years have you been a member of SAHJA? Please describe your involvement.

**Question 2:** Describe your equestrian participation, years of involvement and personal accomplishments in this area.

**Question 3:** What extracurricular activities are you involved in or awards have you received outside of the equestrian community/SAHJA?

### One Letter of Recommendation:

Letter of Recommendation should include:

- Length of time and capacity in which the supporter has known the applicant
- Applicant's demonstrated commitment to riding and the equestrian community
- Why the supporter believes the applicant deserves this scholarship

### Part two-Essay

A committee of educators that are involved in the equestrian community evaluates the essays. They will be looking for the applicant's ability to address the essay topic in an articulate and accurate manner, content and grammar. This portion makes up 50% of the application. Please choose one of the following prompts and write a minimum 500 word essay.

1. Describe how you agree or disagree with the following statement, "Horseback riding is not a sport, you just sit there and the horse does all the work."
2. You get one "do-over" of any moment in your life. What would you do over and why?
3. Explain the difference or similarity between being on a team with "you and your horse" vs. "playing a team sport".

Please send all required materials with a cover letter to include your name, address, current high school, college you plan on attending and transcripts with GPA. Submit applications to Karine Brooks at [karine@sahja.org](mailto:karine@sahja.org)

*Proof of enrollment in your chosen college must be provided prior to being awarded any scholarship funds.*