

Document Name: Junior Scholarships

Purpose: to recognize Junior Connemara riders and to encourage and support them to pursue continuing educational activities with their Connemaras.

Scholarships include:

- 1) ACPS Junior Scholarships consisting of \$200 awards and \$100 awards based on completing the ACPS application and responding to the questions in the application.
- 2) ACPS-USEF Junior Scholarships applicants for juniors invited to apply for the USEF yearly scholarship. The selected applicant will receive \$500 and runner-up will receive \$250. (See USEF website for application requirements for the USEF Junior Scholarship.)
- 3) Depending on the funding for the year, the number of scholarships may vary. All remaining applications which are worthy of Honorable Mention shall receive \$25 each.

Policies:

- Applicants shall be current individual or family members of the ACPS.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or under as of January 1st of the application year.
- The Connemara purebred, halfbred, or sport horse must be registered with the ACPS but does not have to be owned by the rider.
- The application must include the full registered name and registration number of the horse.
- If awarded, funds must be used to further the equestrian education of the horse and/or rider.
- Applications may continue to be made in subsequent years.
- Candidates are encouraged to highlight aspects of their activities with their Connemaras that emphasize the characteristics of their Connemaras and the breed that make them exceptional rather than focusing on specific show ring accomplishments.

Committee:: The Committee shall consist of a Leader and at least one Assistant. The Leader shall be appointed by the Over-All Chair(s) with the approval of the ACPS President. The Assistants shall be appointed by the Committee Leader with the approval of the Over All Chair(s). Consideration shall be given to a broad regional representation.

Responsibilities of the LEADER

- Appoint an Assistant.
- Receive applications as they come in.
- After the deadline, September 1, send copies to the Committee.
- Contact the winners and invite them to attend the Annual meeting.
- Notify the ACPS Foundation or ACPS Treasure re sending a check to the winners.
- Announce the winners at the Annual meeting, or arrange for the Over-All Chair to do so.
- Contact all other applicants, thanking them for their interest and suggesting they apply again.
- Send results to the Over-All Chair and to the American Connemara Magazine for publication .

Application Procedures Application forms may be used or the following information may be submitted *in essay or letter format*. Completed applications must be submitted to the Committee Chair by September 1st, email preferred.

- Your name, birth date, and complete address.
- Your horse's full registered name and ACPS registration number. The names of your horse's sire and dam must be included.

Write your answers to these questions:

- What do I like about my Connemara?
- What do I do with my Connemara?
- What learning opportunity would the Scholarship provide for me and my Connemara?

Reminder: Scholarship award money must be used to further the equestrian education of the horse and/or rider.

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