

# AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

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

## Scholarships Include:

- 1) ACPS Junior Scholarships consist 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 the 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year.
- The Connemara purebred or Connemara half bred or Connemara 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, not just focusing on specific show ring accomplishments.

## Committee:

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of a *Leader* and at least one Assistant. The *Leader* shall be appointed by the committee chair(s) with the approval of the ACPS President. The Assistants shall be appointed by the Committee *Leader* with the approval of the committee chair(s). Consideration shall be given to a broad regional representation.

## Responsibilities of the *LEADER*

- Appoint an Assistant.
- Receive applications as they come in and acknowledge receipt.
- 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 to send checks to the winners.*
- Announce the winners at the Annual meeting, or arrange for the committee chair to do so.
- Contact all other applicants, thanking them for their interest and suggesting they apply again.

- Send results to the committee chair and to the American Connemara Pony Society magazine.

### **Application Procedures**

Application forms may be used or the following information may be submitted in essay or letter format. One or two photos may be included. Completed applications must be submitted to the committee chair by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 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?

Applicants may submit additional information to convey to the committee aspects not covered by the above questions.

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

### **Revision History**

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