



2026 Continuing Education Scholarship Application Information & Instructions

The Appaloosa Youth Foundation will be awarding Up To FIVE (5) Scholarship combined in the two categories, Territory and Continuing.

The Appaloosa Youth Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding youth members of the Appaloosa Horse Club or Appaloosa Youth Association wishing to pursue higher education.

Scholarships are awarded annually, with the entire amount paid to the financial office of the college or university the student will be attending. The entire award is paid at the beginning of the student's first semester; it is non-transferable from the recipient; and must be used within one year.

Each applicant may only apply for one of the Continuing Education Scholarship (Continuing Scholarships are for students who already are attending or have attended college).

**Completed applications must be received at the Appaloosa Youth Foundation's address:
115 N. Morningside Drive Idaho Falls ID 83402. No later than April 15, 2026.**

Continuing Education Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship may be available to a college student who will be attending college in the fall of 2026-2027 with first or second semester sophomore standing. The applicant must have maintained a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.5 on a 6.0 scale during their Freshman year at a college or university.

Eligibility

Each applicant must be a **current member of the Appaloosa Horse Club or the Appaloosa Youth Association** to be eligible to apply for an Appaloosa Youth Foundation scholarship. Students who are in the immediate family of an employee, representative, or national director of the ApHC or the AYF are not eligible to apply.

Criteria

Each application is carefully reviewed by a qualified panel of educators selected by the Appaloosa Youth Foundation. Scores based upon scholastic aptitude, leadership potential, the ability to communicate community and civic responsibilities, financial need content, and presentation. Evidence of involvement in the Appaloosa industry, along with general knowledge of and accomplishments in horsemanship are also considered. Scoring is done in the following categories:

- *Scholastic Achievements
- *Presentations and following all instructions on the scholarship application
- *Essay
- *Demonstrated financial need
- *Extra-curricular and civic activities

The AYF reserves the right to vary the number of scholarships awarded based upon the quality of entries as scored by the judges and the funds available Because of the degree of completion and difficulty of acquired skills that are represented, it is to each applicant's advantage to submit a neat, readable, timely and informative application adhering the rules and specifications of the application.

2026 Continuing Education Scholarship Requirements

1. The applicant must be a first or second semester college sophomore.
2. To apply for this scholarship, the applicant must have maintained a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or at least a 4.5 on a 6.0 scale.
3. The application must be completed on an official AYF application and must be filled out by the person applying for the scholarship. You may add supplemental pages if there is not enough space provided.
4. An official academic transcript from the applicant's most recent college semester/quarter must accompany the application. **An official academic transcript must be sealed and sent directly from the applicant's College or University (to the address below) and may not be simply copied and mailed by the student.**
5. The applicant must submit proof of enrollment, for the academic year of 2026-2027 in an institute of higher education along with the application
6. **A current photograph of the applicant must be attached to the application. The photo must be on photo quality paper.** The photo and application will become property of the AYF and will not be returned.
7. Three letters of personal recommendation must be mailed separately from the application itself, at the address listed below, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2026**. It is suggested that the three letters address the applicant's scholastic career, community involvement, and participation in equine events and organizations. These letters may be from instructors, advisors, or other qualified people. Letters from relatives are not accepted.

Mail application and materials to:

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