



2026 Territory Scholarship Application Information & Instructions
The Appaloosa Youth Foundation will be awarding Up To FIVE Scholarship
in the two categories, Territory and Continuing combined.

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, 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 apply for the Territory Scholarships if graduating from high school. Continuing or Sagebrush Circuit Scholarships are for Sophomores and above in College. Sagebrush Circuit Scholarships are reserved for college Junior and higher degrees for those continuing in an Equine related field of study.

**Completed applications must be received at the Appaloosa Youth Foundation address:
115 N. Morningside Drive, Idaho Falls ID 83402**

NO LATER THAT April 15, 2026. Applications after that date will NOT be considered.

Territory Scholarship

The Territory Scholarship awards up to \$1,000 to one graduating senior from high school. "At-Large" scholarships may also be awarded, at random, in the category.

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*****

2026 Territory Scholarship Requirements

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 to the rules and specifications of the application.

1. To apply for this scholarship, the applicant must hold a high school diploma or equivalent certification or be anticipating high school graduation this year. GPA must be at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 3.8 on a 6.0 scale.
2. 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.
3. An official academic transcript from the applicant's most recent high school or college semester/quarter must accompany the application. **An official academic transcript must be sealed and be sent directly (to the address below) from the applicant's high school (including earned college credits in high school) and may not be simply copied and mailed by the student.**
4. A copy of your official ACT, SAT, or similar exam must be attached.
5. Proof of college or university acceptance for the academic year of 2026-2027 must be provided. This must be an official acceptance letter from the college or university, not a photocopy.
6. A current photograph of the applicant must be attached to the application. **The photo must be on photo quality paper.** No scanned photos will be accepted. The photo and application will become property of the AYA and will not be returned.
7. Three (3) letters of personal recommendation **must be mailed separately from the application itself** to the Appaloosa Youth Foundation at the address listed below, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2026**. It is suggested that the 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 other materials to: **Appaloosa Youth Foundation's address:
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