

# College Scholarship Application for the ISHSA Mel Gahley Scholarship

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ISHSA encourages excellence by providing scholarships to outstanding youth or adult members. The scholarship is to be used for any 2 or 4 year college, graduate program, or trade school.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- a) Applicants may apply during their senior year of high school, or if enrolled in college, graduate program or trade school.
- b) Applicants must be a current member of ISHSA before applying for the award.
- c) Ideal applicant must be actively involved with ISHSA.
- d) Previous recipients of an ISHSA scholarship are ineligible to participate a second time. Previous applicants who were not awarded a scholarship may re-apply.
- e) If funds are not used within 1 year of award, they will return to the ISHSA scholarship fund.

## **Judging Criteria**

Fifty percent of the score is based on your involvement with ISHSA and should be reflected in your essay. The remaining fifty percent includes the ability and aptitude for serious study, community service, and leadership activities, which is also reflected in your essay.

The judging will be done by a panel of three professionals chosen from outside the ISHSA membership. The judges will be selected by the ISHSA Scholarship Committee.

## **Distribution of Funds**

The scholarship will be paid directly to the institution declared by the recipient. A form will be sent by the committee to the applicant to be completed and sent to the ISHSA treasurer. Upon receipt of the form, a check will be sent directly to the school.

## **Application Details**

- 1) Complete the application form.
- 2) Please attach an essay describing your involvement with ISHSA, the promotion of good horsemanship, and related activities. Please emphasize all promotional activities and those demonstrating your leadership abilities. This essay should be a minimum of 500 words.
- 3) Three reference letters relative to character, ability, and achievement. Letters must be in sealed envelopes and submitted with the application, or may be forwarded directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

All information contained herein will be confidential. The application and supporting documents will become the property of ISHSA and will not be returned. Please provide three complete sets and one picture to be used by the committee for the website and promotion. All documents will be destroyed at the end of December.

**In Summary – Application Check List (set of 3 of everything)**

1. Completed application
2. Essay
3. Three reference letters sealed each individually in an envelope or emailed to the committee chairman
4. Copy of Transcript if applicable

The application must be completed and received at the ISHSA Scholarship Committee address **by the last day in June** in order to be considered. Late applications will be considered on a special basis only.

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Please submit your essay and this scholarship application to:

ISHSA Scholarship Committee  
c/o Jamey Robbins  
23128 Kingsbury Road  
Middleton, ID 83644

Student Name: .....

Address (Permanent): .....

City: .....State: .....Zip:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Email Address:.....

Applicant Phone Number: .....

Name of college, trade school, or graduate school you are planning to attend:

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Date of enrollment when the scholarship funds will be used:.....

By signing the application form, I hereby acknowledge the information contained in this application to be true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that fraudulent information may result in disqualification of any scholarship money awarded and/or may disqualify me from future consideration for scholarship funding from ISHSA.

Applicant's Signature ..... Date .....