

# ISHSA Mel Gahley Scholarship Application

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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 in good standing before applying for the award.
- c) Ideal applicant must be actively involved with ISHSA.
- d) Previous recipients of an ISHSA scholarship are eligible to apply a second time but must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.  
Previous applicants who were not awarded a scholarship may also 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, your ability and aptitude for serious study, community service, and leadership activities. The remaining fifty percent will be based on your essay. The judging will be done by the scholarship committee which is made up of the Elected Officers Board including the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, past president, rules chairman, and three directors.

## **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 in its entirety.
- 2) Please attach an essay describing your involvement with ISHSA and related equine organizations, your ability and aptitude for serious study, community service that you have done, and any leadership activities you have been a part of. Also include what degree you will be going to school for and how involvement in these various activities have helped shape you as a person and how they have helped you prepare for your future. This essay should be a minimum of 500 words.
- 3) A minimum of 2 reference letters relative to character, ability, and achievement. Letters must be submitted with the application or may be forwarded directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

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 one complete set of documents **AND** one picture of yourself 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 (one set of everything)**

1. Completed application form
2. Essay
3. Two reference letters
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.

# ISHSA Mel Gahley Scholarship Application Form

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Please submit your essay and this scholarship application to:

ISHSA Scholarship Committee  
c/o Patricia Schuster  
1784 W. Bayeux Dr.  
Meridian, ID 83642

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Permanent): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_