Winner’s Circle Scholarship Application

The Winner’s Circle Scholarship program is designed to reward leadership in SCAAEP and to help offset the escalating costs of veterinary education and minimize debt load at graduation by providing financial aid to students in their 4th year of veterinary school.

These $1,500 scholarships will benefit deserving students through a partnership between the AAEP Foundation and The Race For Education, as well as with the support of Platinum Performance.

**To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:**
- be a National AAEP student member and active within their school’s AAEP chapter;
- currently attending an AVMA Accredited College of Veterinary Medicine with a foundation chapter;
- Apply during their 3rd year (7th-9th semesters) for funding during their 4th year (final year) of veterinary curriculum.

**Supporting materials that must accompany a completed application and submitted to Your student chapter advisor by February 12th include:**

1. **Essay** on the following topic:
   
   *What sets you apart from other veterinary students and how will you impact the field of equine veterinary medicine? (Maximum of 750 words.)*

2. Brief description of **career goals** that addresses the following:
   
   *What area of equine practice do you plan to focus on? Please describe what steps you will take over the next 5 to 10 years to gain the experience and skills to become an expert in these areas. (Maximum of 750 words.)*

3. Two signed **letters of recommendation** (seal can be broken);
4. Current **official transcript** (seal can be broken);
5. **Financial Need Verification Form** *(found at the end of this application)*;
6. **Award letter (s)** for other scholarships, if applicable.

*All scholarships are $1,500 unless recipient qualifies for the Assets for Independence (AFI) Federal grant program available through The Race For Education. If a student meets Federal guidelines and completes the grant program, the student receives the $1,000 scholarship for the fall term then as part of the grant program receives an additional $4,000 in grant funding for their spring term. Extensive information about the program is provided after scholarship recipients are notified of selection committee’s decisions in May. The AFI program only open to US residents.*
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Please provide information current for the summer of application year.

Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial) ____________________________________________

Current address: ___________________________________ City: __________ State: _____ Zip: _________

Primary email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Permanent address: ___________________________ City: __________ State: _____ Zip: _________

Undergraduate degree received from: ___________________________________________

Date of undergraduate graduation: _____________________________________________

Veterinary college you currently attend: __________________________________________

Current cumulative GPA: _______ on a scale of 1 to _____ (Include official transcript)

Intended equine specialty: ___________________________________________________

Why did you choose this specialty? _____________________________________________

___________________________________________________________

Are you an AAEP member? ________________ Membership #: _______________________

Have you applied for a Race For Education Scholarship in the past? □ Yes □ No Year: ________________

Community Involvement and Leadership:
List extracurricular activities and note any special recognition, leadership roles and honors. Feel free to attach a resume.
Financial Information:
Amount of TUITION for academic year at college you attend/will be attending: _______________________________
Have you applied for or received financial aid? No ☐ Yes ☐
(Attach a copy of financial aid or scholarship award letter.)

Have we missed anything?

Should we be aware of any issues or circumstances not previously addressed that are pertinent to your application? (Attach separate sheet if necessary.)

Verification of Information
I hereby certify the statements recorded in this application are true and accurate. I meet all requirements set forth by The Race For Education. I understand that if any statement presented in this application is untrue, I may be disqualified from consideration. If selected as a recipient of a Race For Education scholarship, I understand that I may be listed as a recipient and my image used in various publications. Additional financial information may be requested prior to award decision.

Signature of Applicant: __________________________________________________   Date: __________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian, if applicant is 18 years of age or younger:
______________________________________________________________________  Date: __________________

Assets for Independence Grant Program
The Race For Education offers additional funds through the Race For Education/ Administration for Children & Families Assets for Independence grant program (AFI). Eligible scholarship recipients agree to reach a savings goal of $500 in an individual development savings account in their name at a specified bank over a period of 6-8 months. In return, the federal government’s AFI program and The Race For Education will match that with $2,000 each (for a total of $4,000). The student’s savings, the matching funds, and any interest that has accrued, is the student’s but must be used to pay college expenses and is sent directly to their school. Financial eligibility restrictions apply. If you are interested in hearing more about this program, check the appropriate box below and complete the attached Financial Need Verification Program form:
☐ I am interested in hearing more about this program.
☐ I am not interested in participating

For a listing of SCAAEP chapters, visit www.raceforeducation.org/scholarships or contact Elaine Young, Student Programs Coordinator at AAEP 859-233-0147 or eyoung@aaep.org.

STUDENTS: Submit completed application and all supporting materials to your student chapter advisor by February 12, 2016. If the application and supporting materials are not received by February 12, 2016, the application will NOT be forwarded to The Race For Education Selection Committee for consideration.

Applications will be reviewed by each university’s SCAAEP and the top three finalists must be sent by the chapter advisor to The Race For Education, 1818 Versailles Road, Lexington, KY 40504 and postmarked by February 26, 2016. All applicants will be notified by May 2, 2016. Inquiries about the scholarship may be directed to The Race For Education at (859) 252-8648. For more information about The Race For Education, email info@raceforeducation.org or visit www.raceforeducation.org.
The Race For Education/Administration for Children & Families
Assets For Independence Program: Financial Need Verification Form

Student Name: ___________________________________________________ Student Age: __________

If you are 21 or older, complete this form for yourself; if you are under 21 complete this with your family’s
information. Your eligibility cannot be determined unless each question is answered.

Last Name of Head of Household: ____________________________________________________________

Number of adults in household (including self): __________ Number of children: __________

Current Address (for correspondence during the summer months):

______________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______________ Zip: ____________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ____________________

Household Members (including self):

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Please attach appropriate documentation if you answer yes to the questions below.
I.e., Benefits letter for TANF, tax return for EITC, ect.*
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*TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

*EITC: Earned Income Tax Credit

**INCOME**

Gross Annual Income Amount: __________________________________________________

*Please attach most recent W2 or tax return.*

**Annual Amount**

Alimony Payment: _____________________________________________________________

Child Support: _____________________________________________________________

SSI/SSDI: _________________________________________________________________

Food Stamps: _____________________________________________________________

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Outstanding Bills Past Due: ________________________________
Student Loan Outstanding Balance: ________________________________
Medical Bills Outstanding Balance: ________________________________
Personal Loan Outstanding Balance: ________________________________
Credit Card Outstanding Balance: ________________________________
Payday Loans: ________________________________

(Please list all other liabilities on the back.)

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (Of Applicant)

Gender: _______________ Race/Ethnicity: _______________ Marital Status: _______________

Highest Education applicant has completed: (circle one) - High School/GED Some College
Associate’s Degree Bachelor’s Degree

Location: (circle one) - Major urban area (population more than 1 million)
Minor urban area (population less than 1 million)

Rural
Remote

Has the applicant ever used a direct deposit procedure for their paychecks prior to opening their IDA account? YES NO

What is your employment status? Full-time Part-time Unemployed
The Winner's Circle Scholarship, awarded through a partnership between the Race for Education, AAEP Foundation and Platinum Performance, is awarded to incoming 4th year vet students.

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Although, some applicants will not be chosen to receive the Winner's Circle Scholarship; they may be eligible to participate in the AFI program based on their financial need.

I would encourage your students to fill out the AFI paperwork attached to the Winner's Circle application. There is no selection process. It is all based on the students financial need.

All applicants will be notified by May 2, 2016.

The 2016 Winners Circle Application is available at www.raceforeducation.org as well as http://www.aaep.org.

All applications and paperwork should be one-sided and should not be binded, stapled or paper clipped.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

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