



## 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](http://www.raceforeducation.org/scholarships) or contact **Elaine Young, Student Programs Coordinator** at AAEP 859-233-0147 or [eyoung@aaep.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@raceforeducation.org) or visit [www.raceforeducation.org](http://www.raceforeducation.org).



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## 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):

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	DOB	Applying?	Adult?
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	<u>Currently eligible</u>		<u>Currently receiving</u>		<u>Has ever received</u>	
TANF Benefits	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Federal EITC	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
State EITC	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

*\*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: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSETS** **VALUE** **BALANCE DUE**

Principal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Own other homes: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Property or Real Estate: \_\_\_\_\_

Investments (401K, IRA, Stocks, ect.): \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Savings Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle(s): 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITITES**

**AMOUNT**

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



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# 2016 Winners Circle Scholarship



## Chapter Advisor Instructions

Applications accepted through February 26, 2016

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.

All students applications must be submitted to their chapter advisors by **February 12th** and each chapter advisor is to forward their **TOP THREE** applications to **The Race for Education**, postmarked by the **February 26th**.

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Each chapter advisor is to submit their **TOP THREE** applicants to **The Race for Education, 1818 Versailles Road Lexington, KY 40504, postmarked by 2/26/16**. Those three applicants are then reviewed by the RFE and AAEP Selection Committee and a Winner Circle Scholarship recipient is chosen from each chapter. If you feel that you have more than three deserving applicants, please feel free to forward no more than four applications.

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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](http://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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