

Scholarship Program



Pegasus invites you to establish a Riding Scholarship for people with a disability.

About Pegasus

Pegasus Riding for the Disabled ACT was founded over 40 years ago, in 1973, by an iconic equine personality, Bid Williams. Bid's first experience of the transformative effect a horse and the ability to ride can have on a person was when a child with a disability who was wheel-chair bound cried tears of joy when she found that being elevated to the top of a horse meant she could reach the leaves of a tree – *"A leaf - it's so soft"*.

Today Pegasus provides Programs for more than 100 children with a disability, supported by 270 volunteers, and 16 horses based at Holt ACT on 100 acres of land.

We have two main programs, mounted and un-mounted;

1. *Horse Therapy Program*

For children with a disability aged four to 14 years this is a mounted program. The Program brings the horse and rider together as one. The horse emulates that of a human walk – improving coordination, muscle development and fitness – and their unobtrusive and gentle nature helps build confidence and develops self-esteem.

The Program consists of one lesson per week for a year. This gives a child time to develop the skills needed to gain balance, improve posture, and increase confidence. For children with physical disabilities, for example, Cerebral Palsy, and Spina Bifida, the Program also involves specialised support from a qualified physiotherapist. This takes a child out of a clinical setting enabling them to undertake therapy that is natural and free-flowing rather than restrictive.

2. *Horsing-Around Program*

This is an unmounted program, and is aimed at providing support for young adolescents and adults with a disability, and delivers post-school activities for those aged 18 plus. The Program consists of a two hour activity per week for a term.

Amongst other things, participants learn to groom, lead, and feed.

Nearly all adolescents and young people can be challenging – with or without a disability. This Program is a structured activity that provides focus and discipline. Participants learn

responsibility, patients, and control imposed by a great teacher; a horse who through the Program becomes a great companion for them.

This Program is valued by families, and carers struggling to find appropriate activities for their young person.

Context

Pegasus has introduced the Riding Scholarship Program to support people with a disability who aspire to developing their potential through horse activities and associated therapy. It is our aim to reward their enthusiasm and motivations for these activities by providing Riding (mounted program) or Horsemanship (un-mounted program) Scholarships.

Despite the fact that Pegasus provides opportunities for these Programs at a highly subsidized rate, you can well image the financial impact that a child with a disability can place on a young family, particularly in the two income environment in which we live today. And, the financial constraints for an adult living with a disability are just as difficult.

Your support for a Riding or Horsemanship Scholarship/s will not only reward an individual with a disability, but provide some financial relief to a family wishing to meet the persons' hopes of undertaking Pegasus' Horse Therapy Programs.

About the Scholarships

Scholarships are designed to provide support for an individual to undertake a full-year riding program which consists of a one hour lesson a week for a year. The cost of delivering the program for one year is \$2,000.

The Scholarship/s can be named 'in memory', 'in honour', 'in recognition', or 'in support' of an individual, group, organization, or company. For example; The Ian Smith Scholarship for Riding Potential.



In recognition of your pledge to support a Scholarship, Pegasus will;

- invite you to our Annual Awards Ceremony where you will have the opportunity to meet the recipient of your Scholarship/s
- provide the opportunity for you to name the Scholarship
- invite you to tour Pegasus and watch a class in action
- provide a certificate of support and recognition
- list your Scholarship in our quarterly newsletter – *HoofPrint*
- list your Scholarship on our website, and
- provide bi-annual updates on how your Scholarship recipient is meeting the aims of the Program.

Please, complete the included Funding Agreement and the donation schedule.



Funding Agreement

I wish to establish a Riding Scholarship/s through Pegasus.

Please tick ✓ number of years you wish to support your Scholarship.

- One Year \$2,000
- Three Years \$6,000 or 6 pledged installments of \$1,000 bi-annually x 3 years
- Five Years \$10,000 or 6 pledged installments of \$1,000 bi-annually x 3 years
- In Perpetuity \$80,000 (where the interest of the investment funds the Scholarship as a lasting legacy).

How many Scholarship do you wish to support? _____

Total amount pledged \$ _____

Please make my Scholarship in:

- Memory Honour Recognition Support

Please tick ✓ your preferred wording.

Name of Scholarship: _____

For example: The **Lions Club of Canberra Woden** Scholarship in Recognition for Excellence in Riding

Donors Name: _____

Company or Organisation: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

Suburb/Postcode/State: _____

Donors signature: _____

Date: _____

Pegasus official signature: _____

Date: _____

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

