

Scholarship Program

Application Process



Background

Riding and Horsemanship Scholarships are available to people wishing to pursue a Pegasus program activity. The aim of the scholarship is to reward a student for their motivation and interest in riding and horsemanship; and to help participants develop their abilities and reach their potential.

Horse Therapy Program

The Riding program brings the horse and rider together as one. The gait of a horse emulates that of a human walk and assists with improvements in coordination, muscle development, joint mobility and fitness. The horse's unobtrusive and gentle nature also helps to develop the rider's confidence and self-esteem.

The program consists of one lesson per week throughout 2019 – dependent on whether the scholarship is for a full year or half-year. This gives a child time to develop the skills needed to gain balance, improve posture and increase confidence. The sessions provide each child with a caring and supportive environment in which to participate in natural, free-flowing therapy.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants **must** meet the following criteria:

- Be a person with a disability.
- Meet the 'Riding for the Disabled Association's' normal selection criteria: which involves a horse/rider assessment undertaken by a Pegasus Coach.
- Reside within the ACT or local NSW region.

Selection Criteria

Please provide a statement addressing:

- the individual's motivations/reasons for applying for the scholarship
- how the scholarship could financially support the applicant's interest in undertaking a program at Pegasus.

Each applicant **must provide a statement (200 words or less)** explaining how he/she fulfills the scholarship criteria.

Selection Committee

The awarding of the scholarship will be determined by a selection committee comprising of the following members:

- School Principal (if applicable {or nominee})
- Pegasus Executive General Manager (or nominee)
- Pegasus Coach

Ongoing Criteria / Terms of the Award

Scholarship holders **must**:

- Undertake the program within the year that the scholarship is awarded.

Value

The successful applicant will be awarded a Riding or Horsemanship scholarship consisting of a lesson each week throughout the year, depending on whether they have been awarded a full year scholarship or a half-year scholarship.

Presentation

Scholarship recipients and their family are invited to attend a public presentation – the Pegasus Awards Night – held in February 2019. The awards night provides the scholarship sponsor with an opportunity to meet the awardee and to present the Scholarship Certificate.

Applications

Please submit a statement addressing the Selection Criteria in 200 words or less, including:

- the full name of the applicant (prospective recipient)
- your full name (family or carer)
- address
- contact details.

Send to:

Pegasus Riding for the Disabled ACT
119 Drake Brockman Drive
Holt, ACT 2615

Alternatively, scan and email to admin@pegasusact.com.au with the subject line: **2019 Scholarships Application**.

Closing Date:

The completed form must be lodged **no later than 5pm on Friday, 18 January 2019**.

Successful applicants will be notified at the end of January 2019.

Further Information

Further information can be gained by calling Pegasus on 02 6254 9190 or emailing admin@pegasusact.com.au