



Scholarship Program

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Pegasus invites you to establish a Scholarship for people living 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 wheelchair-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 people living with a disability, supported by 150 volunteers, and 16 horses based at Holt ACT on 100 acres of land.

We have two main programs, mounted and unmounted:

1. Mounted Riding Program

Our mounted riding programs are for people with a disability aged from three years to adult. The program brings the horse and rider together as one. The horse's movement 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 session per week for a year. For children with physical disabilities, for example, Cerebral Palsy and Spina Bifida, our Hippotherapy 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. *Unmounted Program*

The unmounted program is aimed at providing support for young adolescents and adults living with a disability. Amongst other things, participants learn how to care for horses; groom; lead; and feed, along with activities designed to assist and work with others. Participants develop the ability to learn and follow work processes; build practical, social and decision-making skills; and learn patience, control and responsibility. The program consists of one session per week for a year. This program is valued by families, and carers struggling to find appropriate activities for their young person.

Context

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

Despite the fact that Pegasus provides opportunities for these programs at a highly subsidised rate, you can well imagine the financial impact that a child living 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 of 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 person's hopes of participating in one of Pegasus' programs

About the Scholarships

Scholarships are designed to provide support for an individual to participate in a Pegasus program which consists of one session a week for a year. The cost of a scholarship is **\$3000* per annum**.

The Scholarship/s can be named 'in memory', 'in honour', 'in recognition', or 'in support' of an individual, group, organisation, 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 Scholarship Awards Evening where you will have the opportunity to meet the recipient of your Scholarship.
- Provide the opportunity for you to name the Scholarship.
- Invite you to tour Pegasus and watch a session in action.
- List your Scholarship in our quarterly newsletter – HoofPrint.
- List your Scholarship on our website.
- Provide bi-annual updates on how your Scholarship recipient is meeting the aims of the program.

If you would like to support a Scholarship, please complete the Funding Agreement and donation schedule below.

Funding Agreement

I wish to establish a Scholarship/s through Pegasus.

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

One Year \$3,000*

Two Years \$6,000* or 4 pledged installments of \$1,500* bi-annually x 2 years

Three Years \$9,000* or 6 pledged installments of \$1,500* bi-annually x 3 years

How many Scholarships do you wish to support? _____

Total amount pledged: \$_____

*The prices quoted are correct for 2021 and may be subject to change for subsequent years. If you pledge to support a Scholarship over multiple years, we will honour the fee at the time of signing for the pledged period, irrespective of any subsequent increases.

Please make my Scholarship in:
Please tick ✓ your preferred wording.

Memory Honour Recognition Support

Name of Scholarship: _____

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

Donor's Name: _____

Company or Organisation: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

Suburb: _____

Postcode/State: _____

Donor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Pegasus' official signature: _____ Date: _____

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Send completed form 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: **Scholarship Program Funding Agreement.**