

IHSA Scholarship Awards/ Academic Awards /Opportunities for Recognition



I.E.F. Scholarship (\$1,000- \$1,500)

I.E.F. (Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation) scholarships are available to IHSA undergraduate members and non-members, but you must apply! An application can be obtained from the IHSA Web site, from the President College of a Region, an IHSA member college Financial Aid Office, or directly from the I.E.F. Scholarship winners will be announced at the 2019 National Horse Show and scholarship awards will be mailed to the recipient following that event. IHSA member and non-member applicants must submit completed applications with all required materials to their Regional President **by February 10, 2019.**

The Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

The Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation invites coaches to nominate a rider from their team in honor of the late Jon Conyers, who was a long-standing IHSA Board Member, dedicated coach, and teacher extraordinaire. The nominee must be a freshman or sophomore in his or her first year of competing in Walk-Trot, Beginning Horsemanship, Walk-Trot-Canter, or Intermediate Horsemanship; be a full-time IHSA undergraduate member in good standing; display a passion for horses and the desire to better himself or herself on and off the horse; and demonstrate financial need to his or her coach. The award winner is selected by the Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship Committee and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from the I.E.F. (Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation). In addition, the recipient's name will be announced at the 2019 IHSA National Horse Show. Nominations and required materials must be **submitted by Wednesday, February 21, 2019.**

Senior Athletic Academic Achievement Award (Recognition)

The IHSA Senior Athletic Academic Achievement Award recognizes a senior who has earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. To be considered, the applicant must have been on an intercollegiate riding team for three full years if they attended a four-year institution, and two full years if they attended a two-year institution. Recipients of this award will be named in the 2019 IHSA National Horse Show program and receive a certificate of recognition for their achievement. All required materials and transcripts must be mailed and **postmarked on or before March 30, 2019.**

Senior Athletic Academic Achievement Essay Award (\$500)

The Senior Athletic Academic Achievement Essay Award has the same requirements as the Senior Athletic Achievement Award, but in addition, the applicant must submit a 500-word essay about how intercollegiate experience and academic achievement has prepared them for a future career. The applicant is required to agree in writing to allow his or her essay to be published. All materials and transcripts must be mailed and **postmarked on or before March 30, 2019.**

Teresa L. McDonald IHSA Scholarship Challenge (\$250-\$1,500)

The Teresa L. McDonald IHSA Scholarship Challenge is open to all undergraduate IHSA members that would like to participate in an online test consisting of 50 multiple choice questions taken from the USHJA Study Guide on stable management topics. Participants that complete the 50-question test receive a digital magazine subscription courtesy of EQUUS. The top two scorers from each Zone are invited to compete in a practicum phase at the 2019 IHSA National Horse Show and the top ten winners there receive a scholarship award. The test is available by logging into the IHSA Web site **February 19 through March 5, 2019.**

IHSA National All-Academic Award (Recognition)

The IHSA National All-Academic Award recognizes academic achievement for an IHSA undergraduate or alumni member based on their fall 2017 semester grades. The student must have competed in at least one IHSA horse show during the academic year. A certificate of recognition is awarded for a GPA of 3.8 or higher (First Team) or 3.5 or higher (Second Team) and each recipient's name and institution are published in the 2019 National Horse Show program. Coaches are responsible for submitting the All-Academic reporting form **postmarked no later than March 16, 2019.**

The Bob Anthony Memorial Scholarship (financial award to be determined)

The Bob Anthony Memorial Scholarship was established to honor an extraordinary horseman and an influential trainer who believed that reining horses should have their own stage to compete on and was instrumental in the creation of the NRHA. Inducted into the NRHA Hall of Fame in 1992, Bob was a competitor, trainer, and judge who won six NRHA World Championships in addition to countless other awards. The nominee must be a full-time undergraduate IHSA member in good standing; compete in Open Reining throughout the year; and demonstrate financial need to his or her coach. The winner will receive a financial award from the I.E.F. (Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation) and will be announced at the 2019 IHSA National Horse Show. Nominations and required materials must be **submitted by February 21, 2019.**

USHJA-IHSA Sportsmanship Award

Given annually to One student athlete in each IHSA region will be selected for this award each, which aims to recognize exceptional sportsmanship exhibited throughout all levels of riding across the country. **Nomination Process:** Any full time student athlete, coach or college administrator in good standing may nominate a rider for the award by emailing a nomination, not to exceed 500 words, to their Regional President by March 15' 2019.