



## **\$20,000.00 in STEPHENS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

(Available to high school juniors and seniors)

The Stephens College scholarship program was created by Sally Jackson to support students who are committed to continuing their involvement in the American Saddlebred and/or equine industries. These two scholarships are open to high school juniors and seniors and will be awarded to two students who wish to participate in equestrian activities while advancing their education at Stephens College, in Columbia, Missouri.

Columbia is the ultimate college town with the University of Missouri just a short walk from Stephens Campus. Stephens has a first-class equestrian facility and program, plus it is unique in it allows you to take your horse, dog, cat or pet to school with you. All applicants must be a competing member in good standing with USEF and their respective breed Affiliate.

Stephens offers a wide variety of degree programs which can be found on their website: [www.Stephens.edu](http://www.Stephens.edu). Also go to - [Stephens College Equestrian Scholarship](#).

This tuition scholarship is good for any future attendance year and will be awarded in the following manner:

### **The scholarship is awarded in two parts as two different scholarships.**

First scholarship

#### **\$10,000 USEF MEDAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The \$10,000 USEF Medal Scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the equitation rider video/application. Open to riders who will compete in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal National Finals, or for those who have competed in Medal qualifying classes during the show season. The winner will be selected by the review committee and the winner must attend the presentation at the USEF National Finals.

Second scholarship

#### **\$10,000 USEF/ASHBA PERFORMANCE RIDER/DRIVER SCHOLARSHIP**

This \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded on July 15, 2023 to the winner of the performance rider or driver video/application. Applications open May 1 and are due midnight ET July 1, 2023. Open to all riding and driving disciplines, and levels of competitors who compete in: Saddle Seat, Western, Hunt Seat, Driving, and Academy.

A rider may apply for both scholarships but can be awarded only one. All funds are to be used for tuition at Stephens College.





## **SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR – USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to a 2023 USEF Saddle Seat Medal rider competing in the finals or a rider who has qualified in a USEF Medal qualifying class and placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. All interested applicants must apply and declare their interest in attending Stephens College no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the National Finals.

- Upon verification of acceptance to Stephens and the student's enrollment, the scholarship will be paid in full to Stephens College in the recipient's name.
- Applicants must be a competing member in good standing with USEF and their Breed Affiliate.

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

- The application process will be open from May 1<sup>st</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>. All applications and video essays must be received by 12:00AM (midnight) ET October 1st, 2023.
- Riders who have qualified for the Saddle Seat Medal Finals whether or not they compete in the Finals are eligible to apply.
- Applicants are required to submit a video essay not to exceed 5 minutes, to the USEF review committee. Your video essay should include:
  - The name/date of the competition where you qualified for the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Final
  - Your career goals
  - How this scholarship would help you
  - Why you would like to study at Stephens College
- Along with the video essay applicants will submit a brief cover letter with contact information, proof of USEF and Breed Affiliate membership, grade point average, and month & year to graduate from high school.
- The winner of the medal video/application will be announced by email no later than October 31st, 2023. Finalists seeking enrollment in the spring or fall of 2024, must apply to Stephens College and be accepted to the college prior to the announcement at the National Finals.
- The winner of The Stephens College \$10,000 tuition Scholarship will be recognized at the USEF Saddle Seat Finals in November. The winner must attend the presentation. The winner will subsequently be recognized at the 2024 ASHBA Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.





## **SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR – USEF/ASHBA PERFORMANCE RIDER/DRIVER SCHOLARSHIP**

This tuition scholarship will be awarded to a student who wishes to pursue their education at Stephens College and will be awarded in the following manner:

- A \$10,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the USEF/ASHBA PERFORMANCE RIDER/Driver VIDEO/APPLICATION
- Application open May 1st and are due on or before midnight ET, July 1, 2023.
- Open to all high school juniors and seniors who are members of USEF & ASHBA.
- All performance disciplines: Participants competing at a USEF licensed competition, or a competition recognized by ASHBA as a recorded show with an American Saddlebred or Half American Saddlebred in the sections of SADDLE SEAT, WESTERN, HUNT SEAT, DRIVING and ACADEMY RIDERS/DRIVERS are ELIGIBLE. Academy horses do not have to be recorded.
- Exhibitors must exhibit a Saddlebred or Half Saddlebred. Applicants must be in good standing with USEF as a Subscribing or Competing Member and with ASHBA as a Competing Member (Junior, Senior, Charter Club, or Contributing).

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- Applicants are required to submit a video essay not to exceed 5 minutes, to the USEF review committee. Your video essay should include:
  - The name of your horse, your discipline(s) of choice, and must be at a ASHBA recorded show.
  - Your career goals.
  - How this scholarship would help you
  - Why you would like to study at Stephens College
- Along with the video essay applicants will submit a brief cover letter with contact information, proof of USEF and ASHBA membership, grade point average, and month & year to graduate from high school.
- The winner will be announced by email on July 15th, 2023. Finalists seeking enrollment in the fall of 2023 must apply to Stephens College and be accepted to the college prior to any announcement.

For more information please visit: Stephens College Equestrian Scholarship and [www.stephens.edu](http://www.stephens.edu).

Any inquiries or questions should be directed to: [scholarships@saddlebred.com](mailto:scholarships@saddlebred.com)

