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EqX STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

FAQs

Dear Student,

WELCOME! Thank you for signing up for Lessons with **EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS [EqX]**. We are excited to have you join us!

EqX offers “equine-assisted” activities, including recreational sport and adaptive riding, and interactive vaulting, to both able-bodied children/adults and individuals with special needs or challenging circumstances.

In order to make sure our lesson fees are as affordable as possible, **EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS** *subsidizes over \$200.00 per student.*

Additionally, we have decided that it is an important part of our “Mission Statement” to make sure our lessons are available to ALL who want/need them, regardless of income or household status. **We have, therefore, decided to offer some LIMITED Student Scholarships each year.** Here is some information to help you decide if you’d like to apply for a Student Scholarship:

How much is available for lesson fees through an EqX Student Scholarship?

Student Scholarship lessons are ½ off our regular lesson fees. This means our Students and/or Families receive a 50% savings in the cost of lesson fees.

How do I apply for a Student Scholarship?

Students must complete the **Student Scholarship Application and Acceptance** form no later than **TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FIRST LESSON** they wish to receive a Student Scholarship. A **NEW** application must be submitted for **EACH YEAR** they wish to be considered for benefits.

How do I qualify for a Student Scholarship?

To qualify for a Student Scholarship, the student and/or their family must show financial need by providing a copy of their most recent income tax return and current pay stubs for all household members. Additionally, they must submit a completed Scholarship Application **FOR EACH YEAR** they wish to be considered for this benefit.

How does EqX determine if I qualify?

EqX uses the Washington State Department of Education Eligibility Scale for Public School Free or Reduced Meals to determine whether a student qualifies for our Scholarship program. Eligibility is based on the number of family members in comparison to household annual income (1 Jan - 31 Dec).

Where does EqX get its Student Scholarship money?

As a non-profit Organization, **EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS**, fundraising activities are a *crucial* part of our Program and activities. Funds must constantly be raised in order for **EqX** to sustain our lesson fee subsidies and to help us provide some Limited Student Scholarships, as well as support work to expand the services we currently offer. We submit numerous Grant applications, conduct various fundraising activities, participate in Community service and/or public relations events, and offer Individual, Family, Life and Business Memberships to help financially support our Program.

Are there any Additional Requirements or Obligations if I accept a Student Scholarship?

YES!

IF it is determined that you satisfy the eligibility criteria for a Student Scholarship, you must also agree to help us continue our Student Scholarship program by agreeing to provide assistance with at least **TWO (2) EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS** special events and/or fundraising activities per year, or to provide help with at least **SIX (6)** hours of program projects in some other capacity, coordinated in advance with the Program Director or Head Instructor. Examples: serving on our Board, on one of our Committees, or with other Volunteer Activities.

What if I don't complete the Additional Student Scholarship Obligations?

With your help and/or the help of your Family, our fundraising efforts will continue to help us to subsidize lesson fees, offset your costs of lessons, AND *sustain* your Student Scholarship benefit.

BUT if students and/or families FAIL to fulfill their additional Student Scholarship Obligations for the period they are enrolled in, they will:

- (a) lose their scholarship benefits for that lesson year and lessons will end,
- (b) be ineligible to reapply for a Student Scholarship for six (6) months, and
- (c) will be billed for the full amount of scholarship awarded.

We are proud that our Organization offers Student Scholarships for Students and their Families. We hope you will consider applying for our Student Scholarship and let your family and friends know about its availability.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns about our Program.

EqX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Year: 20_____

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Business: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ DOB: _____

Employer/School: _____ City: _____

How did you learn about this program?

Parent/Legal Guardian (if a minor): _____

Address [if different than above]: _____

City/State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Business: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

What is your household's TOTAL Annual Income? \$ _____

What is your primary source of household income? _____

Do you have additional income? SSA DSHS DDD WIC Child/Spousal Support

Are you eligible for DDD? Yes No. If yes, what type of services: _____

How many people are in your household size? _____

Please provide the following documentation:

1. Most recent 1040 Income Tax Return
2. Most recent pay stub showing rate of pay, number of hours worked, YTD income.

Are there any "special circumstances" that apply to your Student and/or household that you'd like us to consider when determining eligibility for our Student Scholarship Program?

How will lessons with EqX improve the quality of life for your student and/or family?

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Date Received: _____ Processed by: _____ Eligible: ___ Yes ___ No
If ineligible, Reason: _____ Date Eligible for Reapplication: _____
Income Verified: ___ Yes ___ No Volunteer Obligations Verified: ___ Yes ___ No

EqX STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

I, _____, wish to apply for an EqX Student Scholarship.

I understand that:

In order to qualify for a Student Scholarships, I and/or my family must show financial need for **each** year in which I am a registered student participant.

This eligibility will be determined based on records I provide as well as verification of completion of my Student Scholarship Obligations and Requirements during EACH year.

My Student Scholarship benefit provides me with a 50% savings off the regular cost of lessons, BUT I will STILL be required to pay the balance at the time of the registered lessons.

My Student Scholarship funds come from fundraising activities conducted by students and volunteers that help offset the costs of my lessons and program costs. And that as a condition of receiving my Student Scholarship, **my help or the help of my family/guardian is required**. If I am unable to help as scheduled, I will find a replacement and provide them the necessary information.

I will participate in a minimum of **TWO (2) EqX** special events and/or fundraising activities per year, or volunteer to help with at least **SIX (6) hours** of other Program activities, as indicated below.

I would be interested in participating in the following EqX special events:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Holland Happenings Booth [April] | <input type="checkbox"/> End of Year Party [November] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coupeville Memorial Day Parade [May] | <input type="checkbox"/> Greening of Coupeville [December] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sumer Festivals Parade/Booth [July] | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotional Speaking Engagements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IslandCounty Fair {July} | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Shows |

I would be interested in volunteering in any of the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Boarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Handing Out Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalking | <input type="checkbox"/> PR/Media Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stable Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography / Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Sponsorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Future Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/MAST Permit |

I understand that without participation in these activities that I will (a) lose my scholarship benefits for that lesson year and lessons will end, (b) be ineligible to reapply for a Student Scholarship for six (6) months, and (c) will be billed for the full amount of scholarship awarded.

I have read and understand the aforementioned terms and agree to them. I certify that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date: _____
(Adult Student/Parent/Guardian)

PRINT NAME: _____