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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, interactive vaulting, and hippotherapy to both able-bodied children and adults and individuals with special needs or challenging circumstances.

Normally, **EqX** charges \$400.00 for each 8-week session (**\$50/lesson**) plus we require a non-refundable \$50.00 administrative fee annually to help cover some of our costs and insurance expenses. However, in order to make sure our lesson fees are as affordable as possible, at the Scholarship level, **EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS** *subsidizes over \$200.00 per student/session*.

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’s 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 or \$25/lesson + the non-refundable \$50 annual Administrative fee. 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 the registration date for EACH session they wish to receive a Student Scholarship. A **NEW** application must be submitted for EACH session 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 session 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 Other 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 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 6 hours of our Program in some other capacity such as serving on our Board, on one of our Committee, or with other volunteer activities.

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

With your help and/or that of your Family, our fundraising efforts will continue to help us to subsidize lesson fees, offset 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 session they are enrolled in, they will:

- (a) lose their scholarship benefits for that session and lessons will end,
- (b) be ineligible to reapply for a Student Scholarship for 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.

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS of EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS [EqX]

EqX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

YEAR: 20____ SESSION: Fall Winter Spring Summer

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: _____

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 attach 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** session 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 session.

My Student Scholarship benefit provides me with a 50% savings off the regular cost of lessons, BUT I will STILL be required to pay \$25/lesson during my registered session.

I will also be required to pay a non-refundable \$30 Administrative fee annually.

My Scholarship funds come from fundraising activities conducted by students/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 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 [April] | <input type="checkbox"/> Greening of Coupeville [December] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coupeville Memorial Day Parade [May] | <input type="checkbox"/> Langley Holiday Parade [December] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Festivals/Parades/Booth [July] | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotional Speaking Engagements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whidbey Island Area Fair [August] | <input type="checkbox"/> Showcases/Horse Shows/Trail Rides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> End of Year Party [November] | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Side walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Brochures/Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stable Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Website/Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget & Finances | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Sponsorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Future Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Boarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Distributing flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Handler's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PR/Media Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Database Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> MAST Permit |

I understand that without participation in these activities that I will (a) lose scholarship benefits for that session and lessons will end, (b) be ineligible to reapply for a Student Scholarship for 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 _____

(Adult Student/Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

PRINT NAME: _____