

Rotary Club of York, PA

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DATE: April 1, 2021
TO: University Guidance and Equine Departments
RE: Rotary Club of York PA - Donna E. Hayes Equine Scholarship

The Rotary Club of York is pleased to offer the **Donna E. Hayes Scholarship** to students who are currently in college majoring in the **EQUINE** field, to be awarded Summer 2021 for the 2021-2022 academic year. This \$ **3,000** scholarship is based on academics, equine activities, and accomplishments. We ask that you invite **any of your students who qualify to apply for this scholarship.** The Student Education Committee will review all applications received and select students to be interviewed for the scholarship.

The following **criteria** are applicable for the **Hayes Scholarship**:

1. The scholarship is for the academic year beginning August 2021.
2. It is a one-time award of \$ 3,000 and the check is payable to the Educational Institution.
3. It is open to **current full-time college students** attending a degreed and accredited program for an **EQUINE** related field of study (including management, studies, science, therapy, business, etc.) working towards a bachelor's degree or higher.
4. Student must be in their junior year (or higher, or equivalent with academic credits) with a college cumulative GPA minimum of 2.50.
5. There is a preference for applicants to be graduates of a York County, PA high school or currently residing in York County, PA.
6. There is a preference for students planning to practice in York County, PA after graduation.
7. This scholarship is awarded based on academics, equine activities, and accomplishments. Financial need may be considered.
8. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, or national origin.
9. An interview with the Rotary Club of York Student Education Committee will be required and scheduled at the convenience of the committee.
10. The Rotary Club of York Student Scholarship Program and the Whiteley Student Educational Loan Program are not mutually exclusive.
11. If the student withdraws from the college or university, the scholarship (based on per cent refunded) shall be returned to the Rotary Club of York by the university as usual policy.

The current application form and informational letter are available on the Rotary Club of York website, www.yorkrotary.org. From the home page, select "Resources" tab, "Forms and Documents", and then select "SCHOLARSHIPS" and "2021 Hayes Equine". From there you can open the corresponding informational letter and download the application. The 2021 dated scholarship application is the *only* acceptable application. Please complete the application, print, sign and return the application with all requested documentation to the Rotary Club of York, c/o American Red Cross, 724 South George Street, York PA 17401 **BEFORE the May 31 deadline**. Handwritten applications are not acceptable. Incomplete applications may not be considered. Applications received after the May 31 deadline will NOT be accepted. Please factor in the US Postal Service and their recent delays and backlogs due to the pandemic.

We would appreciate your help in selecting students to apply for this 2021 scholarship to honor Donna Hayes, the late spouse of Rotarian Alvin Hayes. His goal is to help students attain their educational goals in the equine fields of study and further the York County Equine community.

If a student from your school receives a scholarship, a representative from the school will be invited to attend a Wednesday Rotary Club of York club meeting with the student and family member(s) for the award presentation. If you have any questions regarding the Hayes scholarship, please contact Renea Oberdick, Student Education Administrator, at officeassist@yorkrotary.org. The American Red Cross has closed the building due to the pandemic. Access to the building, including the office telephone and answering machine, is extremely limited. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Diane Merino

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Student Education Funds Committee Chair