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Pony Club Awards Members College Scholarships

August 26, 2021 (Lexington, KY) — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. has awarded a total of \$6,500 in college scholarships to six Pony Club members for their outstanding achievements in academics, sportsmanship, and leadership through horsemanship. Recipients were selected through an application process administered by Pony Club, which involved essay submissions reviewed by a scholarship committee and chosen according to the requirements for each opportunity.

“These students are excellent examples of the valuable lifelong skills that Pony Club teaches, preparing them to succeed in the classroom, the workplace, and beyond,” said USPC Executive Director Teresa Woods. “We are so proud of all that these members have achieved and know that they have bright futures ahead. As a nonprofit organization, we appreciate the generous donations that make these scholarships possible.”

The Pony Club Triple Crown Nutrition Scholarship is sponsored by Triple Crown Nutrition, Inc. to reward Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements in Pony Club, earning a Pony Club certification higher than a C-2 and an overall GPA of at least 3.0. This year’s recipient is Kara Echternacht, an H-B certified member from Miami Valley Pony Club. Echternacht is a second time scholarship recipient and is majoring in finance at The Ohio State University.

The Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually for higher education to an active Pony Club member who exhibits the qualities that Dorothy Renfro valued most: leadership, horse management, and volunteering time and energy to beneficial activities. This year’s recipient of the Renfro Memorial Scholarship is Sydney Curtis, an H-B certified member of Pioneer Pony Club majoring in biotechnology at Utah State University.

The Stanley R. and Martha C. Helbert Scholarship is awarded annually to a Pony Club member pursuing a Liberal Arts degree in areas such as literature, music, theater, and visual arts. This year the Helbert Memorial Scholarship for Liberal and Visual Arts was awarded to Elizabeth Beazer, a C-1 member of Brazos Pony Club who plans to major in journalism and media at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Pony Club Jubilee Scholarships are awarded to two Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements in Pony Club, with a certification of C-2 or higher. Recipient Anna Ferrin is an H-B member of Loudoun Hunt Pony Club who will be studying civil engineering at

Messiah University. Recipient Erin Przybyl, an H-B member from Misty Morning Farm Pony Club Riding Center, plans to major in animal science/biochemistry at Iowa State University.

The Anson W. H. Taylor Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by Pony Club and the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) in memory of former Pony Club President and ELCR founder Anson Taylor. The scholarship is awarded to a current Pony Club member who has been actively committed to land conservation efforts. This year's recipient is Madeline McDougal, an H-B member of Butte Valley Pony Club. McDougal is a second time scholarship recipient attending William Jessup University and majoring in biology.

Visit the Pony Club [website](#) to learn more about our college scholarship opportunities.

About Pony Club — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization that builds the foundation of teamwork and sportsmanship through riding, mounted sports, care of horses and ponies, while developing and enhancing leadership, confidence, responsibility, and a sense of community in its youth and adult members. USPC is proud to offer instruction and competitive opportunities in more than 10 different disciplines through hundreds of clubs and centers across the United States. Pony Club's educational standards continue to be instrumental in curriculum development for schools, universities, equestrian professionals and organizations across the United States. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including Olympic team members, as well as successful business professionals and leaders in a variety of fields, have roots in Pony Club.