

Graduating Senior Award

FINANCIAL DISBURSEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

*** * All funds herein are provided by Johnson County Horse Committee (JCHC) for active Johnson County 4-H members and teams.**

**** All disbursements are dependent on the availability of funds from the JCHC and are provided solely according the Financial Best Practices of 4H. Funds are determined primarily by rider attendance and horse show profits.**

Up to \$500

I. Requirements

- A. Available one time as a graduating high school senior
- B. Requires current active Johnson County 4H membership
- C. Requires at least 3 consecutive years of participation, including current year, in one or more horse related 4H activities
- D. Submitted at least 3 years of Horse Project forms, including current year, to the Chair of JCHC
- E. Requires written application submitted to Sherry Jones, JCHC Chair at sgjmomof3@gmail.com no later than May 1 of graduating year. See the application form on the website.
- F. Award application(s) will be reviewed by JCHC Financial Committee.

II. Award Amount Determinants

- A. Actively participate in Hippology, Horse Judging, Horse Shows and/or Quiz Bowl yearly for three (3) years as a senior youth.
- B. Volunteering at JCHC horse shows in the following areas:
 1. Runner for registration desk, score keeper/announcer, gate person, ribbon table or trail.
 2. Scribe for trail judge (all day)
 3. Set up trail Friday p.m.
 4. Trail, poles, barrels, stakes setter
 5. Main Arena help
 - a. Assisting ring steward
 - b. Setting up, tearing down pattern classes
 - c. Assisting gate person
 6. Trail tear down
 7. Assisting with closing down arena after show conclusion
 8. Managing open/closing gates
 9. Pulling trash at show's end
 10. Other tasks that may arise

Indicate number of shows you volunteered, different positions worked, knowledge gained, time spent and value of your experiences.

- C. Performing community service projects:
 - 1. Volunteering at non-profit organizations, i.e.:
 - a. Wings of Hope
 - b. Harvest House
 - c. Meals on Wheels
 - d. Non-Profit resale shops
 - e. Crazy 8 Ministries
 - f. YMCA
 - g. United Way of Johnson County
 - h. Humane Society of North Texas
 - i. Food Banks
 - j. Christian outreach ministries
 - k. Animal shelters and rescue groups

This is a short list of organizations but it is meant to give you ideas to find community service opportunities. Indicate the number of hours spent, skills learned, and value of your experience in those community services.

III. Application Assessment

- A. Application must be submitted by May 1st deadline, no exceptions.
- B. Awards will be presented at the annual Horse Banquet.
- C. Award will be for the senior, not a scholarship to be held.
- D. Award amounts will be exclusively determined by the JCHC Financial Committee.
- E. A personal presentation to the reviewing committee may be requested to potentially increase the award amount.

Revised October 2025. Voted to be unchanged by JCHC until October 2030.

Johnson County Horse Committee Graduating Senior Award Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

4H Clubs this year: _____

Last year's club: _____ Year Before Last's club: _____

Refer to the Award Criteria and information as posted on the Johnson County 4H Horse Committee website to be sure you meet criteria to apply. Your application will be reviewed by the JCHC Financial Committee. Please do not use AI to write the following essays. We want your own words! Submit your completed application to Sherry Jones, JCHC Chair at: **sgjmomof3@gmail.com**

- A. Write an essay type summary of your last three years experiences and lessons learned in the horse project. If more room is needed, please use an additional page and attach.

B. Include a summary of your volunteer activities with JCHC and elsewhere. Include your participation in community service projects in your last 3 years also. (If you have those activities in your current record book, you may copy and attach those pages here.)

I affirm that these are my own activities, accomplishments and I did not use AI to compose this.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Club manager signature: _____