
Wisconsin Pinto Scholarship Program

Scholarship Award

Two (2) \$500 scholarships may be awarded annually through the Wisconsin Pinto Scholarship Program.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a current Wisconsin Pinto/Pinto member or a former Wisconsin Pinto youth member who currently holds an adult membership.
- Have a minimum of three (3) years of past membership with Wisconsin Pinto.
- Be a high school senior during the current academic year or a former youth member currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational program.
- Applicants entering or attending post-secondary education must be 21 years of age or younger.
- A scholarship may be awarded to a member only once.
- An applicant may receive only one Wisconsin Pinto scholarship in a given year.

Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, supplies, or other educational expenses.

Essay Requirement

Applicants must submit a minimum one-page essay addressing both of the following questions:

1. How has your involvement with the Pinto breed and WI Pinto influenced who you are today? What have you learned through your experiences that you will carry with you into the future?
2. What are your educational and career goals, and how do you hope your education will help you make a positive difference in your community, the equine industry, or the world around you?

Character References Requirement

Applicants must submit two (2) written character references with their completed application and essay.

Reference #1 — Educational

Provide a written character reference from a teacher, counselor, coach, professor, or other school representative who can speak to the applicant's:

- Academic effort
- Character
- Leadership
- Potential for success

Reference #2 — Equine/Pinto

Provide a written character reference from someone involved in the equine industry who is familiar with the applicant.

Examples may include:

- Horse trainer or Riding instructor
- Farrier
- Equine coach

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- 4-H horse project leader
 - Judge or Show manager
 - Other equine industry professional

References may NOT be provided by a parent, grandparent, sibling or other immediate family member.

Selection Process

Completed scholarship applications will be reviewed by a team of independent evaluators. Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected based on the submitted application materials.

Preference may be given to applicants who have demonstrated active involvement in Wisconsin Pinto Youth Board activities.

The application deadline is November 15, 2026. Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified prior to the annual Wisconsin Pinto Awards Banquet and recognized at the banquet.

Scholarship Payment

Scholarship recipients may begin using their scholarship award as early as the first semester of their first year of post-secondary education. To receive scholarship funds, the recipient must submit documentation of an eligible educational expense, such as a tuition or educational expense invoice, to the Wisconsin Pinto Treasurer. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's college, university, or other eligible educational institution for application to the student's account.

Application Deadline

Scholarship application materials must be postmarked (or emailed) no later than 11/15/26.

Please mail/email the following:

- Wisconsin Pinto Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
- Completed essay
- Educational and Equine/Pinto character references
- Current high school or college transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

Mail to: Brenda Wolfe, c/o WI Pinto Scholarship Program, S42W34169 Hidden Valley Drive, Dousman, WI 53118

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