

Murray State University
Equestrian Team Scholarship Application

Murray State University has given the Murray State Equestrian Teams the opportunity to award two team scholarships. These will be awarded to an incoming freshman or transfer student for the year 2022/2023. This will be a \$1000 per semester renewable scholarship for up to four years as long as team qualifications are met. We are at this time planning to award one hunt seat and one stock seat scholarship provided we have riders that meet the qualifications.

Potential applicants need to fill out the questionnaire and provide a copy of your show record from your respective associations. A video needs to be submitted with the application. Video should contain: Hunt Seat. Ride at a walk, trot (sitting, posting) canter and two point. Jumping a course of 2'6" jumps or higher. Stock Seat (western). Ride at a walk, jog, extended trot, lope. Perform a horsemanship pattern or parts of a pattern. If possible, include a reining or ranch riding pattern. If necessary, potential recipients may be asked to come to Murray State and ride for the coaches. Riders must maintain a GPA of 2.5 to retain their scholarship each semester.

Application needs to be emailed or postmarked by May 15, 2022. Scholarship review will begin June 1, 2022. If video is too large to email it may be sent via Google Drive Folder.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE IF TRANSFERRING: _____

DISCIPLINE: Hunt Seat _____ Western _____ Both _____

RETURN TO: Sue Robinson, srobinson@murraystate.edu or

OR MAIL TO: Murray State University attn.: Sue Robinson
101 Equine Instructional Facility
Murray, Kentucky 42071

Rule I, 1308: The falsification of the membership or eligibility forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, coach, or college from the IHSA, or any other penalty assigned by the Regional Standards and Ethics Committee.

Please refer to the IHSA Rule Book for full descriptions of class requirements. This form indicates suggested placement, but the IHSA Rules always takes precedence in matters of placement. **NOTE: Because of the YES/NO format of this form, the questions in each section are NOT INTENDED to always match the class description of that same section. Rather, a "YES" answer in a section in many cases is affirmation of your being OVER-qualified for the class description of the next lower class.**

The FIRST division in which you answer "yes" will indicate initial rider placement

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR BOTH HUNTER SEAT AND WESTERN DIVISIONS, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY COMPETING IN ONE DIVISION. Please refer to Rule VIII, 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202 of IHSA Rules for exact class qualifications. Note that there is no crossover rule – flat, fences, western are placed by this form independently of each other based on the rulebook. Limit fences riders must be originally placed at least in Limit flat level.

Notes: (from IHSA Rule Book Rule 8101 and 9101)

- Recognized competitions for Hunter Seat riders include any competition that is sanctioned by BOTH United States Equestrian Federation(USEF) and United States Hunter Jumper Association(USHJA); or by both USEF and the United States Eventing Association(USEA); or by both USEF and the United States Dressage Federation(USDF). Recognized competitions for Western riders include any competition that is sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association(AQHA); National Reining Horse Association(NRHA); American Paint Horse Association(APHA); National Reigned Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA), American Ranch Horse Association (ARHA) only in classes in which National point records are kept, and excluding AQHA, APHA, NSBA, ARHA Novice/Level 1/Green classes and below AND NRHA Green Reiner classes.
- RE: "instruction": any number of mounted lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.
- References to "hunter seat equitation classes" are any classes that are judged on hunter seat equitation specifically – NOT hunters or jumpers. For any association jumping class that is run within a height range, the maximum allowable height will be recognized for IHSA placement purposes. References to "international competitions" are for riders who are entering the IHSA with only International experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country's governing body.
- References to "academic year" for IHSA purposes means any two consecutive semesters.
- Open Flat and Fences Hunter Seat riders may not be placed lower than Level I Western Horsemanship.
- All class descriptions refer to the guidelines specified in Rule VIII 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202.
- Rule 1202B: Membership fees for both Hunter Seat and Combined memberships includes the fee to be an USHJA Collegiate member, a separate membership is not required.

Class 8 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Open riders over fences are those who have won more than 6 classes over fences 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions or placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals.

Have you won more than six blue ribbons in classes over fences 3'6" or higher in YES NO recognized competitions (refer to the above description of "recognized" competitions)?

Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals? YES NO Have you competed in an NCEA Competition? YES NO

Class 7 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than 10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 10 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in YES NO recognized competitions?

Have you placed in the Top Ten in the Maclay Finals or USEF Talent Search Finals? YES NO Have you competed in an NCEA Competition? YES NO

Class 17 – Reining

Reining riders must be classified as Open Horsemanship riders and have had 6 months of professional reining instruction within the past year.

Are you eligible for Class 16 Open Horsemanship? YES NO Have you had at least 6 months professional reining instruction

within the past year? YES NO

Class 16 - Open Western Horsemanship

Open Riders for class 16 are those who have placed in the top 5 of an AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby or NRHA

affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes. Open riders are those who have competed on an NCEA (National Collegiate Equestrian Association) team.

Have you ever finished in the Top Five in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby, or NRHA Affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice/L1/green classes? YES NO Have you competed in an NCEA Competition? YES NO

Class 6 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Intermediate riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences at 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than a total of 6 blue ribbons in classes over fences 3', 3'3", 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions? YES NO

Class 5 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won 6-10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.
YES NO

Have you won more than 5 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions?

Did you answer "YES" to any question in the "Class 8" section above? YES NO

Class 15- Level II Ranch Riding

Level II Ranch Riding riders are only eligible for Level II Ranch Riding if they are eligible in Level II Horsemanship or Open Horsemanship and are not eligible in Open Reining. Open Horsemanship riders are eligible for Level II Ranch Riding if they do not qualify for Open Reining.

Are you eligible for Class 14 – Level III Horsemanship? YES NO Are You eligible for Class 16 – Open Horsemanship? YES NO

Class 14 - Level II Western Horsemanship

Level II riders are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in classes of five or more riders in recognized competition; or competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of Horsemanship or Reining on a random draw; Level II riders have finished in the Year end Top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA/ARHA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes; or finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes.

Have you won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions YES NO in classes of five or more riders?

Have you competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of YES NO Horsemanship, Ranch Riding or Reining on a random draw?

Have you finished in the Year end Top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA/ARHA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes? YES NO

Have you finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice/LI/green classes? YES NO

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN IHSA LIMIT OVER FENCES DIVISION, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OVER FENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.

Have you had at least 6 months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year? Y N
(Answer does not by itself place you into Limit.)

Class 4 – Limit Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Limit riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences 3' or higher in recognized competitions. Have you competed over fences higher than 3' in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO Have you competed in a "recognized"

USEF/USHJA, USEF/USEA and/or USEF/USDF competition? YES NO

Have you placed 1st– 10th in Open Fences in team or individual classes OR in the Varsity Open Championship at IEA Nationals? Yes No
Class 3 – Limit Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Limit riders on the flat are those who have won no more than 5 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions. Have you competed in a “recognized” USEF/USHJA and/or USEF/USEA competition? YES NO Have you competed over fences higher than 3’ in ANY competition, recognized or not? YES NO Did you answer “YES” to any question in the “Class 6 or Class 4” sections above? YES NO

Class 13 – Level I Western Horsemanship

Level I riders for class 13 have competed in mounted classes in recognized competitions; have placed in the top 5 in State, Inter-State, or National 4H, or any high school equestrian association during Junior or Senior years, in Western Horsemanship or Reining. Level I riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, novice/level 1 classes or non-roping classes.

Have you competed in mounted classes in a “recognized” AQHA, NRHA or APHA competition? (Excluding AQHA/APHA Novice/L1 Classes and NRHA Green Reiner classes) Yes No Have you placed in the top five in State, Inter-State or National 4-H or any High School Equestrian

Association during junior or senior years in Western Horsemanship or Reining? YES NO

Have you earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding Roping, games, halter, showmanship novice classes or non-roping classes?

Did you answer “YES” to any question in Class 7 or 8 above? YES NO