

## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Oklahoma Combined Training Association (OCTA) will award combined training educational scholarships to a junior member (18 years and under) and/or an adult member to be used before December 31 of the year following the application. Typically, the awards have been for \$250, but the exact amount and number of awards depend upon the availability of funds per the discretion of the OCTA board.

### Eligibility:

1. Member in good standing for a full calendar year,
2. Spent **eight** hours volunteering for OCTA (including working on the board or committee, volunteering for an OCTA CT/HT or workday, learning day, etc.) or volunteering for an Oklahoma eventing landowner (i.e., Airborne Stable, Celtic Cros, Feather Creek, Southern Hills, Staab Equestrian), or at a Recognized USEA horse trial, in the year of 2023. Yes, tornado clean up at Feather Creek counts! Volunteer hours of a family member may be counted toward the volunteer hours for the applicant. If you have questions about volunteer activities, feel free to contact Terrie Shaft (eventmomok@yahoo.com)
3. Members of the board are eligible to apply but excluded from the selection process.

### Scholarship Process:

1. All scholarship applications received by the due date will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
2. The scholarship committee will confirm that applicants meet the eligibility requirements and rank the applications within the junior and senior categories.
3. Priority will be given to members who have not received a scholarship in the past 5 years.
4. At the business meeting prior to the annual general meeting/awards banquet the scholarship committee will recommend to the board which applicants to fund. Awards are made based upon a vote of the OCTA Board.
5. Awards will be announced at the annual OCTA general meeting/awards banquet.

### If you are the recipient of a scholarship:

1. The funds must be spent on lessons or clinics for dressage, show jumping or cross country jumping. Other educational activities are acceptable per approval of the OCTA board. The money cannot be used for entry fees for shows, board, feed, gas, horse training or stabling.
2. You must renew your OCTA membership for the year in which you are awarded the scholarship monies.
3. The recipient must submit to the OCTA Treasurer receipts for the clinic or lessons or other documents showing how the money was spent.
4. The recipient must give a presentation at the annual OCTA membership meeting or submit an article to the newsletter/webpage/facebook page describing how the scholarship money improved his/her riding skills.

**NOTE:** If the above requirements are not met, the funds must be refunded to the club.

**To apply for a scholarship:**

1. Submit a typed essay of at least one page listing your volunteer hours, your riding experiences, awards, your riding goals and how you intend to use the scholarship funds.
2. Include the information indicated on the scholarship application below, either hard copy or in an electronic mail message.
3. Submit the essay and scholarship application to Terrie Shaft at the email address below.

**Scholarship Application:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received an OCTA scholarship in the last 5 years? \_\_\_\_ yes; \_\_\_\_ no

If yes, what year and amount received? \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your application and essay electronically by Jan. 7, 2025:**

Email: [eventmomok@yahoo.com](mailto:eventmomok@yahoo.com) Please send as either as an attachment in WORD format, .pdf or embed it in the email itself. Once it's submitted PLEASE send another email communication to confirm receipt.

If you cannot submit electronically, contact me, or Patti Otto 405-503-3349 and I'll get you a surface address.