

FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

I. INTENT

The Florida Trail Riders has established this scholarship program to provide a means to supplement educational expenses for its members and their dependents. The scholarship is in the amount of at least \$500.00 so obviously it cannot provide for complete reimbursement. It may, however, make the difference between furthering education for someone or not being able to attend. The FTR and its officers hope it will be beneficial.

The scholarship can only be used for actual educational expenses (tuition, books, room and board, laboratory fees, computers, etc.). Receipts must be presented to FTR for payment. Any unused portion will be returned to the FTR general fund.

The FTR encourages its members to continue their education and hopes this program will be beneficial.

II. RULES

A. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Must be a FTR member or a dependent of a FTR member. A dependent is anyone the member contributes 50% or more support (step children, foster children, etc.). The FTR member must be a member in good standing at the time of application and at the time of award.
2. Must be in high school or above.
3. Must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average on work attempted (high school or college).
4. Must be accepted by vocational/technical school or college prior to award. Note: not necessary to be accepted prior to application, but award will not be made until accepted.
5. May be eligible to receive the scholarship more than once.

B. USE OF SCHOLARSHIP

1. Can be used for actual educational expenses: i.e., tuition, books, room and board, etc. Computer will be considered an actual expense.
2. Cannot be used for other expenses: i.e., transportation, clothes, etc.
3. Can be used for either vocational/technical school or college.

4. Money shall be paid to the recipient once receipts have been submitted to the FTR Executive Director.
5. Excess shall be returned to the FTR general fund.

C. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete and submit application form after January 1 of application year.
2. Deadline for applications and all supporting documents is **June 1**.
3. Provide copies of transcripts, test results, and/or report cards.
 - a. If the applicant is a high school student and cannot provide the appropriate paperwork, then an information form completed by a high school guidance counselor must be submitted.
 - b. If the applicant is a college student and cannot provide the appropriate paperwork, then an information form completed by a college guidance counselor or admissions office must be submitted.
 - c. If the applicant is not currently enrolled in school, an information form can be completed by a person in the community that has knowledge of the applicant's academic abilities. Additional information must be provided to explain the applicant's situation. Note: If not currently in school, the applicant should have his/her previous school provide the information.
4. Application, forms, and other documentation are to be submitted to the FTR Executive Director. The Executive Director will then mark through all references to applicant names to prevent a bias review and forward copies of the applications to the selection committee for review.
5. Selection committee members evaluate each application and forward their results to a non-partial party as directed by the Chairman. This non-partial party will then tally the committee's evaluations and notify the Chairman of the final selection.
6. All applicants will be notified by mail (or telephone) prior to the Awards Banquet.
7. Award/awards presented at Banquet.
8. Check/checks will be mailed to the recipient after the recipient has submitted receipts.
9. Renewal applications shall include a follow up statement from the applicant as to how the previous scholarship helped.

D. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The following points system will be used by the Selection Committee to determine the best candidate(s):

Academic records/ Test scores	1 – 25 points
Career objectives and Goals	1 – 25 points
Extracurricular activities	1 – 10 points
FTR Experiences and Involvement with FTR and/or FTR affiliated clubs	1 – 35 points
Completeness of application/Overall presentation	<u>1 – 5 points</u>
Maximum Score*	100 points

*If applicant has received an FTR scholarship before, 5 points for each time the scholarship has been received will be subtracted from the total.

2. The following is guidance on what the Selection Committee is looking for in each selection criteria category:
 - a. Academic records/ Test scores (25 points) – Determined by information shown on provided transcripts, test results and “Information Form”. If any of this information is missing, an explanation should be provided. If an applicant has not been enrolled in school for more than 10 years and academic records/test scores are unavailable, the Selection Committee will proportionately increase the other categories’ points so that the maximum score is still 100 points.
 - b. Career objectives and Goals (25 points) – Points will be given based upon information provided in Item B of the Application.
 - c. Extracurricular activities (10 points) – Points will be awarded based upon information provided in Item C of the Application.
 - d. FTR Experiences and Involvement with FTR and/or affiliated clubs (35 points) - Since this is the FTR Scholarship, the largest portion of points is allocated to FTR experiences and involvement. Twenty (20) points will be based upon the applicant’s experiences in FTR, what FTR means to the applicant, and the impact FTR has had on the applicant’s life. Points will be awarded based upon information provided in Item D of the Application. Fifteen (15) points are based upon the applicant’s involvement whether in FTR or FTR affiliated clubs. The applicant should provide detailed information on these activities. Points will be awarded based upon information provided in Item D of the Application and on the “Involvement Form”. A listing of how many races the applicant has attended and/or raced is not what these points will be based upon.
 - e. Completeness of application/Overall presentation (5 points) – This criteria category is self-explanatory. It should be noted that the selection committee is inclined to be more favorably impressed with informative paragraphs that exhibit proper grammar and spelling.

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APPLICATION FORM

NAME IN FULL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

ARE YOU AN FTR MEMBER? _____

IF YOU ARE A DEPENDENT OF AN FTR MEMBER, PROVIDE MEMBER'S NAME:

WHAT VO-TECH, JUNIOR/COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? _____

PROPOSED MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARDED AN FTR SCHOLARSHIP? _____

If yes, how many times? _____

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SEPARATE PAGES:

Directions: Items A through D should be provided on separate pages. These items should be in paragraph format unless otherwise noted.

- A) A brief autobiography describing your academic strengths and weaknesses, work experience, and other significant events in your life.
- B) A detailed statement on your proposed field of study and how this relates to your career objectives. Also, include your perceived goals in your course of study and also in your life. **(25 points)**
- C) A list or summary of your principle extracurricular activities, indicating in which ones you held leadership positions. You may include non-academic or non-employment interests and activities. **(10 points)**
- D) Describe your experiences in FTR and what FTR means to you. **(20 points)** Also, describe your involvement in the FTR and/or FTR affiliated clubs. **(15 points)**
- E) Transcripts, test results and/or report cards. Information Forms may also be submitted. **(25 points)**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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INFORMATION FORM

(Required if Transcripts or Test Results are not submitted with Application)

DIRECTIONS: The person completing this form should be a guidance counselor or an official at the school in which the applicant is currently enrolled. This person should be informed of the applicant's intentions and the purpose of the FTR Scholarship. The person completing this form must be capable of providing or verifying the applicant's grade point average and test scores. Copies of transcripts, test results, and/or report cards is preferred, but not necessary. If this information is to be treated as confidential, mail directly to: FTR, P.O. Box 531071, DeBary, Florida, 32753-1071.

1) Name of student: _____

2) GPA: _____ (High School or College?) (Weighted or Unweighted?)

Provide a brief explanation on the weighted system if it is weighted:

3) Rank: _____ (High School or College?)

4) Test scores: PSAT: _____ SAT: _____
ACT: _____ Other: _____

If grade point average, rank, and/or test scores cannot be provided, please explain:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title/Position: _____

School/College: _____

Phone Number: _____

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FTR and/or FTR AFFILIATED CLUB INVOLVEMENT FORM

DIRECTIONS: The person completing this form should be a FTR official or a FTR affiliated club official. This person should be informed of the applicant's intentions and the purpose of the FTR Scholarship. The person completing this form must be capable of providing and verifying the applicant's involvement in FTR and/or a FTR affiliated club.

1) Name of applicant: _____

2) Please mark any of the following items that pertain to the applicant:

Club member: _____

Participated in course layout: _____

Course worker/marshal: _____

Participated as event staff (list capacity): _____

Attended meetings (either FTR or club): _____

Served as an official in club or FTR (list capacity): _____

Other: _____

3) Provide a brief explanation of the applicant's involvement in FTR or in your club:

4) If the applicant has not had involvement in FTR and/or affiliated club and you feel that consideration should be given to past involvement or a family member's involvement, please provide an explanation under separate cover. Note here if this applies: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title/Position: _____

Club (if applicable): _____

Phone Number: _____