

# **USTPA Scholarship Program Policy**

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The United States Team Penning Association (USTPA) offers a scholarship program for members who are graduating high school seniors continuing their education at accredited colleges.

## **Scholarship Description**

The USTPA has established a Scholarship Program designed for eligible graduating high school seniors, and current college students who are members of the USTPA. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 and are distributed in two stipends (one per semester). Scholarship recipients must successfully complete a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours, with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 the first semester in order to receive the second half of the stipend. College registration receipts must be presented to the USTPA National Office as scheduled below. Scholarship stipends will be sent directly to the college unless a request, in writing, is sent to the USTPA office to send to student's home.

## **Scholarship Application Process**

Applications for USTPA Scholarships are available online at [www.USTPA.com](http://www.USTPA.com). **All applications are due to the Regional Director of the applicant's home region by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.** Regional Directors will review all applications and submit their recommended applicants to the Executive Board by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Non – recommended applicants will be notified by the Regional Director within 45 days of submission if not recommended to the Executive Committee for Scholarship approval. The Executive Committee will then review all regionally recommended applications and award up to 5 new applicant scholarships by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Repeat applicants will still be considered for another scholarship. Applicants will then be notified by the national office of the Executive Committee's decision regarding their application by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Annual Scholarship Process Schedule**

March 1	<b>DEADLINE.</b> All Scholarship Applications Due to Regional Directors
April 1	Regional Director's Scholarship Recommendations Due to Executive Board
May 1	Executive Committee Releases Results of Scholarship Awards
June 1	Applicants Notified by Mail of Scholarship Award Decision
July 1	<b>DEADLINE.</b> First Semester College Registration Receipts Due to USTPA National Office
August 1	First Stipend of Awarded Scholarships Sent to Recipient
December 1	<b>DEADLINE.</b> First Semester Grades and Second Semester College Registration Receipts Due to USTPA National Office
December 20	Second Stipend of Awarded Scholarships Sent Out

## **Scholarship Evaluation Considerations**

The USTPA scholarship program is intended to award tuition assistance to deserving students who have actively supported their region and positively contributed to the growth and success of the USTPA as participants. *The Student must be a current and active USTPA Member, in good standing.* Special consideration will be given to applicants who have been actively involved with the USTPA and their region as volunteer leaders, workers, helpers, interns, organizers or by making any other kind of voluntary contribution in the form of action or deed. In addition, the USTPA is especially concerned scholarship recipients have displayed a sincere interest in the penning and sorting sports and have a history of good sportsmanship and horsemanship. The ideal scholarship candidate would be a graduating High School senior, or current college student with a passion for penning and sorting who has displayed leadership skills as a volunteer within their USTPA region and possesses the attributes of being a good student, horseperson and role model for younger youth.

# United States Team Penning Association Scholarship Application

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## **A. General Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School City: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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# of Dependent Children in Your Family \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children in College \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Dependent Children \_\_\_\_\_

List any other sources of financial assistance you have available for college expenses (Savings, Trust Fund, Social Security, Educational Insurance Policy, etc.) with approximate amounts.

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Have you been accepted for any other loans, grants, or will you be receiving any other scholarships for this year? If so, explain.

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Will you be employed during the summer? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no) If so, where?

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Have you previously held summer jobs? When and where? Give the name of the person for whom you worked with each listing.

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***B. Career Objectives***

What will be/is your major area of study in college?

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Do you have a specific job in mind for yourself, in relation to your chosen field?

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Explain why you feel that you would be successful in this field.

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***C. Personal Interests***

What hobbies and activities do you enjoy? Explain.

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Are you (or have you been) a member of any clubs, groups, or associations? If so, list these, and explain your participation.

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Have you participated in any interscholastic activities? \_\_\_\_\_(yes or no) Describe:

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***D. Community Awareness***

Have you ever participated in a community service project or assisted in the activities of a non-profit organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have answered the above question, please describe in, not less than 500, or more than 1,000 words, what you thought of the experience. Write neatly on lined papers or type.

As an alternative to the above topic, name some of the people in your community that you admire, and tell why they inspire your admiration. Your response should be of the same length as required above.

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***E. Scholastic History***

Attach a copy of your grades from your last semester of high school or college obtained from the school office. You may include your own comments concerning any of the grades.

Give the name and phone number of your high school or college Guidance Counselor.

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Give the names and phone numbers of THREE teachers to serve as personal references.

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