

Colorado Hunter Jumper Foundation
2026 Scholarship Information and Requirements

Scholarship Information:

Educational funds are awarded to assist in carrying on a program of study in a college or vocational school.

Scholarship Categories:

Category "A" Scholarships: Awarded to students starting a program of study. Number and amounts determined by CHJF Board.

Category "B" Scholarships: Awarded to students continuing in a program of study. Number and amounts determined by CHJF Board.

Named Scholarships:

Two CHJA Spirit of Excellence Scholarships will be awarded. The scholarships for 2026 are the Reese Cudney Scholarship and the McKenna Merriman Scholarships, named in honor of the winners of the Group I and Group II Spirit of Excellence Awards for 2025. Amount is determined by the CHJA Board.

The Jim Calareso Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who is studying retail business management or a related field. Amount to be determined by the CHJF Board.

Scholarship applicants will be notified of selection by June 30, 2026. Funds will be disbursed directly to the school.

Scholarship Requirements:

Applicant must have been a member of Colorado Hunter Jumper Association for at least two years.

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior at time of application (Category A) or be registered in a program of study and have completed at least one year of post high-school education at time of application (Category B).

Named Scholarships are available to both Category A and Category B Students.

Application packet must be submitted by May 1, 2026.

Packet must include:

1. Application form.
2. Three letters of recommendation:
 - a. one from a horseman or horsewoman
 - b. one from a teacher or advisor
 - d. one from an employer, clergy, or someone outside of the "horse industry".
3. Current year academic record.
4. Statement of equine background and plans for furthering education
5. List of community involvement and/or activities.

All the information specified in the list of requirements must be provided by the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Additional information may be requested by the Selection Committee.

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