



the RACE for EDUCATION

Winner's Circle Application Process

The Winner's Circle Scholarship Program is designed to reward leadership in SCAAEP and to help offset the escalating cost of veterinary education and minimize debt load at graduation by providing financial aid to students in their 4th year of veterinary school. These scholarships will benefit deserving students through a partnership between the AAEP Foundation and The Race For Education, as well as with the support of Platinum Performance.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must

- be a national AAEP student member and active within their school's AAEP chapter;
- currently attend an AVMA-accredited college of veterinary medicine;
- apply during their 3rd year for funding during their 4th year of veterinary curriculum.

Supporting materials that must accompany a completed application include:

- 0 Essay on the following topic:
What aspect of equine veterinary medicine do you find the most interesting? (Maximum of 750 words.);
- 0 A brief description of your career goals and how you plan to achieve them (Maximum of 750 words.);
- 0 Two signed and sealed letters of reference;
- 0 Current official transcript;
- 0 Financial Need Verification Form;
- 0 Award letter(s) for other scholarships, if applicable.

STUDENTS: Submit completed application and all supporting materials to your student chapter advisor at your university by February 28th each year. Please visit <http://raceforeducation.org/scholarships/> for a complete list of advisors.

Applications will be reviewed by each university's SCAAEP and The Race For Education Selection Committee. Finalists will be contacted for a personal interview. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Board of Directors, and all applicants will be notified by May 31st each year. Inquiries about the scholarships may be directed to The Race For Education at (859) 252-8648. For more information about The Race For Education, email info@raceforeducation.org or visit www.raceforeducation.org.

All submitted financial information is kept confidential and will be shredded following the selection process.



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Please provide information current for the summer of application year.

Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____

Current address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary email: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Veterinary college you currently attend: _____

Undergraduate degree received from: _____

Date of undergraduate graduation: _____

Current cumulative GPA: _____ on a scale of 1 to _____ (Include official transcript)

Intended specialty: _____

Why did you choose this specialty? _____

Are you an AAEP member? _____ Membership #: _____

Have you applied for a Race For Education Scholarship in the past? Yes No Year: _____

Community Involvement and Leadership:

List extracurricular activities and note any special recognition, leadership roles and honors. Feel free to attach a resume.

List community, religious and/or volunteer activities.

Financial Information:

Amount of **TUITION** for academic year at college you attend/will be attending: _____

Have you applied for or received financial aid? No Yes (Attach a copy of financial aid or scholarship award letter.)

Have we missed anything?

Should we be aware of any issues or circumstances not previously addressed that are pertinent to your application? (Attach separate sheet if necessary.)

Verification of Information

I hereby certify the statements recorded in this application are true and accurate. I meet all requirements set forth by The Race For Education. I understand that if any statement presented in this application is untrue, I may be disqualified from consideration. If selected as a recipient of a Race For Education scholarship, I understand that I may be listed as a recipient and my image used in various publications. Additional financial information may be requested prior to award decision.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian, if applicant is 18 years of age or younger:
_____ Date: _____

The Race For Education offers additional funds through its Assets for Independence Program. Eligible scholarship recipients agree to deposit \$500 into a savings account in their name over a period of up one year. In return, the federal government and The Race For Education will match that with \$2,000 each (for a total of \$4,500). That money, and any interest that has accrued, is the student's but must be used to pay college expenses. Financial eligibility restrictions apply. If you are interested in hearing more about this program, check the appropriate box below:

I am interested in hearing more about this program. I am not interested in participating.

**These materials must be received by your student chapter advisor
by February 28th each year.
If the application and supporting materials are not received by February 28th,
the application will not be forwarded to The Race For Education
Selection Committee for consideration.**

For a listing of SCAAEP chapters, visit www.raceforeducation.org .

**The Race For Education/Assets for Independence
Financial Need Verification Form**

Student Name: _____ **Student Age:** _____
If you are 21 or older, complete this form for yourself; if you are under 21 complete this with your family's information. Your eligibility cannot be determined unless each question is answered.

Last Name of Head of Household: _____

Number in of adults in household (including self): _____ **Number of children:** _____

Current Address (for correspondence during the summer months):

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Household Members (including self):

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Initial</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Applying?</u>	<u>Adult?</u>
_____				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please attach appropriate documentation if you answer yes to the questions below. I.e., Benefits letter for TANF, tax return for EITC, etc.

	Currently eligible	Currently receiving	Has ever received
TANF Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Federal EITC	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
State EITC	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

INCOME

Gross Annual Income Amount: _____ *Please attach most recent W2 or tax return.*

Annual Amount

Alimony payment _____
Child support _____
SSI/SSDI _____
Food stamps _____

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Balance due</u>
Principal residence	_____	_____
Own other homes	_____	_____
Business ownership	_____	_____
Other property or real estate	_____	_____
Investments (401K, IRA, Stocks, other)_	_____	_____
Checking account	_____	_____
Savings account	_____	_____
Vehicle(s) _	1) _____	_____
	2) _____	_____

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>Value</u>	
Outstanding bills past due	_____	
Student loan outstanding balance	_____	
Medical bills outstanding balances	_____	
Personal loan outstanding balances	_____	
Credit card outstanding balance	_____	
Payday loans	_____	
All other liabilities	_____	Please list: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (Of applicant)

Gender: _____ Race/ethnicity: _____ Marital status: _____

Highest education applicant has completed: (circle one) High school/GED Some college
 Associate's degree Bachelor's degree

Location: (circle one) Major urban area (population more than 1 million) Rural
 Minor urban area (population less than 1 million) Remote

Has the applicant ever used a direct deposit procedure for their paychecks prior to opening their IDA account? Yes No

What is your employment status? Full-time Part-time Unemployed