



## WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To represent & foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin  
To promote the horse through leadership, education, service, & communication  
To take a proactive role in the future growth & development of the equine industry*

### Description

The Grant Committee of Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) looks for ways to promote the use and enjoyment of horses and ideas to educate horse people and the public at large - particularly youth. We welcome ideas for activities that allow people to interact with equines of all kinds. Maximum amount that could be approved for any one project or event is \$5,000. For requests more than \$5,000, the application has to go to our Board of Directors through the WHC President. Funding amounts vary depending on the purpose of the request and how it fits with the WHC Mission Statement. Our sponsorships offer funding for organizations in need of assistance for a specific use. We encourage fundraising efforts by your organization, as we may match those funds up to a limited amount.

### Requirements

Organizations applying for a WHC Grant **MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF WHC**. Be sure to include an estimated budget for your project or event. This is an important element of your application for the committee's consideration. Also, it is important to include as much pertinent information with your application to allow the Sponsorship committee to understand the needs of your organization.

If your Grant is approved, it is required the WHC be recognized as a contributor to your event or project. For example –social media/web site recognition, hang a banner at your function, provide wall space for a plaque to be permanently displayed in a visible spot, and if applicable have WHC mentioned during the announcements or in promotional materials.

**\*NEW\* It is also required that you submit a completion report due December 31 of current funding year.**

Which includes:

- A financial statement of how sponsorship funding was spent (copies of receipts where applicable)
- A copy, picture or link that shows WHC recognition for help with funding.
- Pictures of completed projects (where applicable)  
See page 3 for an example of required information

A representative(s) from your organization may be asked to attend a WHC meeting to give a short presentation regarding the project or event that received funding.

**If it is not possible to complete the project within the sponsorship year, you should prepare an interim report describing the components of the project completed to date and the expected completion date. A final report is required at the completion of the project. \*Those with previous incomplete sponsorships will not be eligible for more sponsorships until the obligation is met.**

Completion reports, along with the other items, are a crucial part of our sponsorship program.

## **Application Deadline**

Grant applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31st**. Money is awarded after July 1, the beginning of WHC's fiscal year.

Applications are available online at [www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

Click on Programs and then select Sponsorships (former name of Grant Program).

Applications also may be requested by phone (920-623-0393) or in person from the WHC office in Columbus.

Pick up form & Mail completed applications to:

Wisconsin Horse Council  
Sponsorship Program  
PO Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925

Questions may be directed to: 920-623-0393 or e-mail [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

## **How Funding Is Determined**

Please be aware that we do not provide money for:

- Normal operating expenses
- Horse show judges
- Awards
- Food
- Repairs to personal property
- New building construction
- Feed or hay

Applications are analyzed and their merit assessed based upon the following criteria:

- \* Educational value
- \* Horse industry promotion value
- \* How many people it will reach
- \* Whether the project benefits youth
- \* Whether the money will be well spent
- \* The applicant's access to other funding
- \* How well the project fits our mission statement

Examples of projects or events that have been funded:

- Educational events
- Therapeutic riding programs and horses
- Building repairs to existing facilities
- Travel expenses for clinicians and youth
- Printed material such as brochures, flyers, and handouts
- Clinics and seminars on various disciplines or other equine-related topics
- Events that promote interaction with people and equines

Completion Report \*EXAMPLE\*

The ABC Riding Center would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for the generous sponsorship of \$1000 to purchase needed equipment for our program. During the past year our organization has helped 50 new clients with special needs experience the joy of riding, and the health benefits of mobility.

Total Cost of equipment \$1500.

We were able to purchase 2 specially equipped saddles for our students to ride safely and confidently, and additional needed equipment to allow riding.

Saddle # 1 16" short description	\$500
Saddle # 2 14" youth saddle	\$500
4 helmets @ \$40	\$160
2 therapeutic saddle pads @ \$170	<u>\$340</u>
	\$1500.

Please see attached receipts for above purchases.

WHC Sponsorship Money	\$1000
Fund raising bake sale	<u>\$ 500</u>
	\$1500

Acknowledgement of the sponsorship included a thank you and link on our web site [www.abcriding.com](http://www.abcriding.com)  
We also included several mentions on our Facebook Page.  
In the August WHC newsletter an article was submitted about our program.

Below are pictures of the saddles we were able to purchase.

