

2017 Award Descriptions

The intent of the PNER Awards Program is to recognize and celebrate endurance achievements requiring significant effort by both rider and horse while encouraging the humane treatment of equine participants and supporting their longevity in the sport. Additionally, we strive to foster a culture of inclusion and community for PNER members. With these goals in mind, awards provided through the organization and award sponsors have a rich history, diversity and uniqueness.

The organization offers a variety of awards – some of which are based upon the number of miles ridden or rides completed. Winning one of these awards may not require extensive speed, but often requires durability. Other awards are based upon points – the number of miles ridden may be fewer, but points are accumulated through winning, top-10 placings and best condition finishes – often requiring a significantly faster pace. Regardless of the type of award offered, riders are strongly encouraged to carefully prepare their horse for the challenge they're striving to achieve.

Awards are also designed to recognize a variety of riders – whether young or old, experienced or novice, awards are available to different types of members with different types of goals – so get inspired, take time to understand what's available, and RIDE!

The following requirements apply to all PNER awards:

- Awards are available to members of Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides, Inc. (PNER) and horses ridden by PNER members.
- PNER membership is required and is not retroactive. Events ridden prior to the processing of an individual's membership are not counted toward PNER awards in the applicable ride season.
- The awards cycle covers the PNER ride season (January 1 through December 31 annually),
- Rides sanctioned through organizations recognized by PNER and located in the PNER region are considered in award determination, unless otherwise specified in the award description.
- Unless otherwise specified in the award description, a minimum of three sanctioned events or 150 or more miles during the applicable PNER ride season must be successfully completed by the rider, horse, rider and horse team, or group of riders (e.g., family, couple, team). This requirement applies to the distances covered by the specific award. For example, if the award description specifies only endurance distances are recognized for an award and the individual completed one 100-mile event and one 50-mile event, then the award recipient would have met the requirement by having completed 150 endurance miles although not having completed three endurance events. If the requirement is not met, the award or full complement of placings will not be presented. Individual award descriptions cover whether the minimum completion requirement applies.
- Some awards require nomination. Members must submit the requested materials to the Awards Coordinator on or before the nomination due date. Failure to do so by the submittal deadline will result in the individual being ineligible to receive the award.

For award eligibility purposes, rider age is determined as of January 1 of each year and covers the full PNER ride season. Age classifications for award recognition purposes are defined below and in some cases, a rider may qualify to for multiple categories (e.g., a Senior Rider could also qualify for Golden Years or a Senior Rider could qualify as a Young Rider).

- Junior Rider – A rider under age 16,
- Young Rider – A rider age 16 to 21 (not yet age 22).
- Senior Rider – A rider age 16 or older.
- Golden Years – A rider age 65 and older.

Recognized PNER rides and distance categories.

Ride sanctioning organizations recognized by PNER include the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), Equestrian Canada (EC), and Equine Distance Riding Association (EDRA). Rides must be held in the geographical footprint of the PNER region unless otherwise noted in the award description. Additionally, PNER defines an Endurance Ride as a sanctioned event 50-miles or longer. A Limited Distance Ride is a sanctioned event that is a minimum of 20 miles, but less than 50 miles.

Some awards require a nomination submittal.

Several awards require the PNER member to submit a nomination form and/or other materials to be considered eligible for the award. Typically, nominations are required to perform historical research relative to eligibility and/or may be needed for qualitative evaluation. When required, due dates for nominations, are provided in the award descriptions below and nomination forms will be made available to members online at <http://pner.net/>.

AWARDS

FOR THE RIDER & HORSE

Top 25 Senior Rider & Horse

The explicit pairing of one horse and one Senior rider accumulating the most points on rides of any distance. (Points on both limited distance and endurance events are counted.)

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.

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Top 10 Junior Rider & Horse	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one Junior rider accumulating the most points on rides of any distance. (Points on both limited distance and endurance events are counted.)</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
Top 3 State/Province Senior Rider & Horse	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one Senior rider accumulating the most points on rides of any distance in the state in which the member resides. Only rides in the rider's home state or province are counted for these standings (except Montana riders whose point totals will include any ride recognized by PNER). Points on both limited distance and endurance events are counted.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: For purposes of this award residence is defined as the mailing address on file with PNER. The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
Top 3 State/Province Junior Rider & Horse	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one Junior rider accumulating the most points on rides of any distance in the state in which the member resides. Only rides in the rider's home state or province are counted for these standings (except Montana riders whose point totals will include any ride recognized by PNER). Points on both Limited Distance and Endurance events are counted.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: For purposes of this award residence is defined as the mailing address on file with PNER. The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
Top 5 Limited Distance High Mileage Senior Rider & Horse	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one Senior rider accumulating the most miles on limited distance events.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
Top 3 Limited Distance High Mileage Junior Rider & Horse	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one Junior rider accumulating the most miles on limited distance events.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
Sandybaar	<p>This award honors the legacy of Harold "Sandy" Sanders and his little Arabian stallion, Sandybaar. The duo competed in the PNER region in the early years of the sport and their record includes over 2,500 miles without a single pull. Sandy and Sandybaar were one of the top national rider and horse teams in 1975 and 1976 and had a reputation of being an inseparable.</p> <p>Recognition is given to the explicit pairing of one rider (of any age) and one horse with a minimum of 10 consecutive ride completions during a single ride season. (Limited distance and/or endurance events are counted.) A pull puts the count back to zero unless the rider and horse have already successfully completed 10 consecutive events.</p>
Top 3 100-Mile Senior Rider & Horse <i>Sponsored by Melissa Coy</i>	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one Senior rider accumulating the most completions on one-day 100-mile distance events throughout the ride season is recognized. Points break any ties.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement does not apply but a minimum of two PNER one-day 100-mile distance events must be completed for the award, or full complement of placings to be presented.</p>
Animal Horse <i>Sponsored by Dory Jackson</i>	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one rider (of any age) accumulating the most consecutive miles of any distance during the ride season. A pull returns the mileage count to zero and the pair start over. (Miles on both limited distance and endurance distance events are counted.)</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
Tsyd's Partner <i>Sponsored by the Fiedler Family</i> (Nomination required by December 1)	<p>Named after an exceptional horse owned and ridden by the Fiedler Family, this award recognizes the special relationship between rider and equine – a bond that develops after extensive miles and years and indicative of a deep connection of trust and admiration. The award is determined by the award sponsor through qualitative judgment of nomination submittals.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The explicit pairing of one horse and one rider (of any age) with a minimum of five years of competing together in endurance distances or partnered together for 2,000 or more accumulated lifetime miles (any distance). Prior year's miles or years may have been accumulated outside the PNER region. The minimum completion requirement does not apply. However, the horse and rider team must be actively competing in PNER region events (any distance). A nomination submittal must be sent to the Awards Coordinator by December 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. The nomination submittal must include a description of how the rider and horse team personify that special human/equine connection. A list of eligible recipients and any submitted materials will be forwarded to the award sponsor.</p>
Rookie Senior Rider & Horse	<p>This award targets the Senior rider and horse team, both new to the sport. The intent is to encourage completion over the long run. Neither rider nor horse can have completed more than 100 miles of endurance</p>

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<p><i>Sponsored by Carlene & Wally Benson</i></p> <p>(Nomination required by August 1)</p>	<p>and/or limited distance events combined. The goal is to support the individual who can ride moderately, bring on a younger (or older horse) and produce a safe and consistent performance (ride completion).</p> <p>The award goes to the rider and horse team with the most consecutive completions on limited distance events and a minimum of three completions is required to qualify for the award. A pull on a limited distance event puts the count back to zero and total accumulated miles on limited distance events break any ties.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A nomination form must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
<p>Rookie Junior Rider & Horse</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Mary Nunn</i></p> <p>(Nomination required by August 1)</p>	<p>This award targets the Junior rider and horse team, both new to the sport. The intent is to encourage completion over the long run. Neither rider nor horse can have completed more than 100 miles of endurance and/or limited distance events combined. The goal is to support the individual who can ride moderately, bring on a younger (or older horse) and produce a safe and consistent performance (ride completion).</p> <p>The award goes to the rider and horse team with the most consecutive completions on limited distance events and a minimum of three completions is required to qualify for the award. A pull on a limited distance event puts the count back to zero. Total accumulated miles on limited distance events break any ties.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A nomination form must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>
<p>250-Mile Rider & Horse</p>	<p>The explicit pairing of one horse and one rider (of any age) accumulating 250 or more miles during the ride season. (Miles on both limited distance and endurance distance events are counted.)</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.</p>

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FOR OUR HORSES

<p>Champion Overall Best Condition Horse</p>	<p>The horse with the highest accumulated Best Condition (BC) points ridden by any number of PNER members of any age is honored. BC points are accumulated when there are at least two starters and a BC Horse is recognized at the event. The recognized BC horse receives one BC point per mile, prorated by the number of starters when there are fewer than 10. (Includes endurance and/or limited distance events.)</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement does not apply.</p>
<p>Champion Junior Best Condition Horse</p>	<p>The horse with the highest accumulated Best Condition (BC) points ridden by any number of Junior PNER members is honored. Junior BC points are accumulated when there are at least two Junior starters, a Junior BC Horse is recognized at the event, and the horse receives the highest veterinarian score in the Junior BC judging. All Juniors completing the event are eligible to show their horse for Junior BC judging when offered by the ride manager. The Horse receives one Junior BC point per mile, prorated by the number of Junior starters when there are fewer than three. (Includes endurance and/or limited distance events.)</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement does not apply. Please note: ride managers are not required to recognize or conduct Junior BC Horse judging at their events. Therefore, the ride manager must have conducted Junior BC Horse judging at his/her ride event and the name of the Junior horse with the highest BC veterinarian score must be provided to the PNER Points Secretary by the ride manager.</p>
<p>100-Mile Horse Lifetime Achievement</p>	<p>Horses consistently competing in one-day 100-mile events are remarkable. This is a milestone award and is based on the quantity of one-day 100-mile completions in the PNER region over the lifetime of the horse.</p> <p>Milestones are acknowledged at 300, 600, 1,000, 1,500, and, 2,000 miles. Beyond 2,000 miles recognition is conveyed in 1,000-mile increments.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement does not apply.</p>
<p>Drinkers of the Wind</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Ron Sproat & Carol Giles</i></p>	<p>This award honors horses that embody the meaning of endurance. The award celebrates equines with long endurance careers who continue, mile-after-mile, to consistently complete endurance distance events.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A minimum 5,000 accumulated lifetime endurance miles must be recorded for the horse to be eligible for nomination. The horse must successfully complete at least one</p>

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(Nomination required by December 1)	endurance event during the current ride season and endurance events outside the PNER region are included in determining eligibility. The horse must be owned by a PNER member. A nomination submittal must be sent to the Awards Coordinator by December 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. A list of nominees and any submitted materials will be forwarded to the award sponsor. The minimum completion requirement does not apply.		
Veteran Horse <i>Sponsored by Lois Fox</i>	A horse with outstanding performance in endurance over a significant period is noteworthy. This award is determined by the award sponsor through qualitative judgment of the horse's career record. Emphasis is placed on high mileage and consistent top performance in 75-100 mile distances in the PNER region. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A minimum 2,500 accumulated lifetime endurance miles must be recorded for the horse to be eligible for nomination. Historical miles may have been accumulated outside of the PNER region. A nomination submittal must be sent to the Awards Coordinator by December 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. A list of eligible recipients and any submitted materials will be forwarded to the award sponsor. The minimum completion requirement does not apply.	(Nomination required by December 1)	
Top 3 High Mileage Horse	Horses with the highest total accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. The horse may be ridden by any number of PNER members of any age. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.		
Gaited Horse <i>Sponsored by The Guice Family</i>	The gaited horse with the highest accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) is recognized. The horse may be ridden by any number of PNER members of any age. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: Horses must be registered with a recognized gaited horse breed association. Common gaited horse breeds include Icelandic, Mangalarga Marchador, Missouri Fox Trotter, North American Single-Footing, Paso Fino, Peruvian Paso, Racking, Rocky Mountain, Kentucky Mountain, McCurdy Plantation, Spotted Saddle, Tennessee Walker, Walkaloosa. Questions regarding recognized gaited horse breeds and associations should be directed to the award sponsor. (See membership directory for contact information.) A nomination form with a copy of the horse's registration papers must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. The minimum completion requirement applies.	(Nomination required by August 1)	
AHA Region 4 High Point Distance <i>Sponsored by Carlene Benson</i>	This award recognizes purebred and half-Arabian horses registered with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) who complete endurance and limited distance events and accumulate 200 or more miles in a season on rides within Region 4 – the state of Oregon and southern Idaho. Enrolled horses receive one point for every mile completed in Region 4 events and 1.5 points for miles completed in the AHA Region 4 Championship. Horses with 200 or more miles receive a year-end AHA Region 4 Distance Achievement award and the horse with the highest accumulated number of points receives the AHA Region 4 High Point Distance Championship. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: Riders must be PNER and AHA members holding an AHA competition card for the current ride season. Riders are not required to live in Region 4, but only rides in Region 4 count toward this award. Enrollment is not retroactive and must be completed prior to entering the first Region 4 event. Enrollment requires the following materials be forward to the award sponsor: a copy of the horse's registration papers and AHA competition card. If the rider is not the horse's owner a copy of a signed lease must also be provided. (Contact information for award sponsor, Carlene Benson, may be found in the PNER Handbook.) For information on AHA membership and competition cards, contact Arabians in Motion at http://arabiansinmotion.org/index.html or Carlene Benson at (503) 399-1580 and bensonwc@mac.com .	(Enrollment required before any Region 4 ride will count)	

AWARDS		FOR RIDERS	
Top 3 High Mileage Juniors	Juniors with the highest total accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. Multiple horses may be ridden. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.		
Top 3 High Mileage Senior	Seniors with the highest total accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. Multiple horses may be ridden. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: The minimum completion requirement applies.		

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Top 3 High Mileage Young Rider (Nomination required by December 1)	Young Riders with the highest total accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. Multiple horses may be ridden. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> The minimum completion requirement applies.
Top 5 Golden Years	Golden Years riders (age 65 or older as of January 1) with the highest total accumulated points (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. Multiple horses may be ridden. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> The minimum completion requirement applies.
My First 100 <i>Sponsored by Charleen Farrell</i> (Nomination required by December 1)	A rider of any age having completed their first one-day 100-mile event is celebrated. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> The first completed one-day 100-mile event must be within the PNER region and the minimum completion requirement does not apply. A nomination submittal must be sent to the Awards Coordinator by December 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. A list of eligible recipients will be forwarded to the award sponsor.
Junior 100-Mile <i>Sponsored by Layne Lewis</i>	Any Junior rider completing a one-day 100-mile event within the PNER region is honored. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> The minimum completion requirement does not apply.
Top 3 High Mileage Novice Senior (Nomination required by August 1)	To encourage and commend the newer endurance rider who has limited experience. Seniors with the highest total accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. Multiple horses may be ridden. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> The Senior rider with no more than 150 accumulated lifetime miles (endurance and/or limited distance) on January 1 is eligible to compete for this award. The minimum completion requirement applies. A nomination form must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1.
Top 3 High Mileage Novice Junior (Nomination required by August 1)	To encourage and commend the newer endurance rider who has limited experience. Juniors with the highest total accumulated miles (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. Multiple horses may be ridden. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> The Junior rider with no more than 300 accumulated lifetime miles (endurance and/or limited distance) on January 1 is eligible to compete for this award. The minimum completion requirement applies. A nomination form must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1.

AWARDS FOR GROUPS OF RIDERS	
Top 3 Couples (Nomination required by August 1)	This award recognizes couples who participate at the same ride, even if they enter and complete different ride distances. Couples with the highest total accumulated points (Endurance and/or Limited Distance) are recognized. Each individual must successfully complete a sanctioned distance at the same ride. Points from the ride for each individual count toward the Couples award. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> For purposes of this award a couple is defined as two adults living together in a committed relationship. A nomination form must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. The minimum completion requirement applies.
Top 5 Families (Nomination required by August 1)	This award recognizes families who compete in the sport, even if they enter different distances. Families with the highest total accumulated points (endurance and/or limited distance) are recognized. At least two members of the family must complete distances entered at the same ride (family members may ride the same or different distances). Points for each individual completing the event they entered count toward the award. With more family members participating, there is more opportunity for points. <u>ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:</u> For purposes of this award a family is defined as Seniors, Juniors, and Young Riders who reside at the same residence. At a minimum one adult and one Junior or Young Rider must complete a sanctioned distance at the same ride. All family members must be PNER members. A nomination form must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator no later than August 1 to verify eligibility requirements have been met. The minimum completion requirement applies.

AWARDS

FOR GROUPS OF RIDERS

Top 5 Teams

(Roster submittals required per eligibility information)

To encourage member community and comradery, light-hearted recognition is obtainable for a wide array of PNER members through the formation and competition of teams. Teams with the highest total accumulated points on completed distances determine those to be recognized.

A team is comprised of up to 15 PNER members. Changes to the team roster, as outlined in the eligibility section below, are allowed. Teams with members added during the ride season are not given retroactivity. The new member's points prior to their joining the team will not count toward team points.

A team must have a minimum of three riders complete the same distance of a ride. If more than three members complete the same distance, points from the top three overall placings will count toward team points.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A roster must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by a team representative prior to the first ride in which the team wants to accumulate points or prior to the first ride in which a new member is added to the team's roster. Members must have paid their annual dues prior to being added to a roster. Eligibility for the team will be determined by the Awards Coordinator through the review of individual's membership status.

If a roster is fewer than 15 members, individuals may be added until the roster reaches 15 members or June 7, whichever comes first. Once the roster reaches 15 members, the roster can only change between June 1-7.

Teams may replace members between June 1-7. Dropping and/or adding members to a maximum of 15 is allowed during this period. All roster changes must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator prior to the ride in which the team member is added. No roster changes are allowed after June 7.

The minimum completion requirement applies and teams must have successfully accumulated points in a minimum of three events to be eligible for placing.

AWARDS

FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Ambassador

Selected by the PNER Executive Committee

(Nomination required by December 1)

The purpose of this award is to express PNER's appreciation to an individual who best exemplifies characteristics demonstrated by legendary members, Gene Peterson and Wayne Stobie. Although Wayne and Gene were not riders, they came to rides with their respective spouses and were willing to help anyone in need. They were dedicated to the sport of endurance riding, to the PNER organization and all who participated in the sport.

Recipients of the award are determined by the qualitative judgment of nomination submittals to the PNER Executive Committee.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A nomination submittal must be sent to the Awards Coordinator by December 1. The submittal must include a description of how the nominee exhibits the qualities and attributes of Gene Peterson and Wayne Stobie. A list of nominees and any submitted materials will be forwarded to the PNER Executive Committee.

Ride Manager of the Year

Sponsored by Terri Powell Agency of American Family Insurance

(Nomination required by December 1)

If you've attended a ride, you've witnessed the hard work and dedication of ride managers. The purpose of this award is to recognize the ride manager who oversees and manages an event that either exceeds participant expectations or who is confronted with extreme challenges and is able to address those issues in a responsible and constructive manner – reaching the best possible outcome given the challenge faced. The recipient of the award is determined by qualitative judgment of nomination submittals to the award sponsor.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A nomination form and brief essay describing how the nominee demonstrates possessing the desired qualities and attributes through first-hand observation and experience must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by December 1. The Awards Coordinator will also contact the Handbook Editor and Points Secretary for feedback on the performance of a nominated ride manager relative to basic duties – such as turning in accurate and complete ride results information in a timely manner. All information collected will be provided to the award sponsor.

PNER General Scholarship

(Application submittal required by December 1)

PNER offers a single scholarship of up to \$1000 to award to any eligible student.

ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completed/on schedule to complete high school or equivalent
- Current PNER member in good standing
- Attending/planning to attend post-secondary educational institution

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TO APPLY: Write a letter of application to the Scholarship Committee which describes your involvement with PNER (as a rider, crew, or volunteer) and your educational plans. Write an essay on a topic relevant to the history of PNER and endurance riding. Past topics have included interviews with longtime ride managers, history of a specific ride or set of events, and a historical exploration of endurance equipment.

Scholarship application and essay are judged based on the following criteria:

- Application Letter: PNER involvements & accomplishments - 15%
- Essay: on-topic, organization, and accuracy - 30%
- Essay: of interest to PNER members - 25%
- Essay: grammar, spelling, and citation of sources - 15%
- Essay: writing quality and style - 15%

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A recipient may reapply for this scholarship if all eligibility requirements are met. Scholarship essay and materials may be submitted via email (preferred) to the Scholarship Committee chair, or via snail mail at the address provided below. **Submissions are due (postmarked) December 1st.** Questions about the scholarship and application process may be directed to the committee chair. All decisions of the committee are final. The scholarship award will be announced at the annual PNER Convention. Scholarship funds are issued directly to the recipient's post high school educational institution.

Aarene Storms, 2017 Scholarship Committee chair
aarenex@haikufarm.net or at **25118 Jim Creek Rd, Arlington WA 98223**

Young Rider Scholarship *Funded by Anonymous PNER Member Donors*

PNER offers a scholarship of up to \$2,000 to young riders age 17-21, which may be awarded to one recipient or split between two applicants if appropriate.

ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completed or on schedule to complete high school or equivalent
- Current PNER member in good standing
- Attending/planning to attend post-secondary educational institution

(Application submittal
required by December 1)

TO APPLY: Write a letter of application to the Scholarship Committee which describes your involvement with PNER (as a rider, crew, or volunteer); involvement in your home community; your leadership experience and your educational plans. **Include a transcript of current academic records** (unofficial transcript is acceptable). Write an essay on a topic relevant to the history of PNER and endurance riding. Past topics have included interviews with longtime ride managers, history of a specific ride or set of events, and a historical exploration of endurance equipment.

Scholarship application and essay are judged based on the following criteria:

- **PNER involvement – 15%**
- **Community involvement – 15%**
- **Academic performance – 10%**
- **Leadership experience – 10%**
- **Quality of essay (see below) – 50%**
 - Topic, organization, and accuracy - 20%
 - Of interest to PNER members - 20%
 - Grammar, spelling, and citation of sources - 5%
 - Writing quality and style - 5%

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Young riders may apply for this scholarship their senior year of high school in advance of being accepted by a post high school educational institution, or once accepted to a post high school educational institution, or while already attending such institution. A recipient may reapply for this scholarship if all eligibility requirements are met. The Young Rider Scholarship application may also be submitted for the scholarship available to the general membership. Scholarship essay and materials may be submitted via email (preferred) to the Scholarship Committee chair, or via snail mail at the address provided below. **Submissions are due (postmarked) December 1st.** Questions about the scholarship and the application process may also be directed to the committee chair. The scholarship award(s) will be announced at the annual PNER Convention. All decisions of the committee are final. Scholarship funds are issued directly to the recipient's post high school educational institution.

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