**Initial Eligibility Requirements:**

1. All applicants must be US Citizens.
2. Recipients must be students currently enrolled either as a high school senior, or already enrolled in an accredited college or technical/trade school (accreditation accepted by the US Department of Education).
3. Applicant must provide proof of involvement with the Siberian Husky, e.g., own and/or compete with a Siberian in any discipline for a minimum of 12 months prior to submitting their application (examples of involvement are as follows, but not limited to: Conformation, Performance, Sledding, etc.). Those participating in companion or performance events are required to submit AKC Junior recognition forms (example: Junior Handler AKC number).
4. Applicant must be a member in good standing of the SHCA, a regional Siberian Husky club, or a regional all-breed club (full, associate, or junior membership is acceptable).

**Criteria for Awarding the Scholarship:**

1. Applicant’s financial need.
2. Applicant’s academic achievements and potential.
3. Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 3.0 or higher (transcript must be in a sealed envelope received directly from the school).
4. Letter of recommendation/sponsorship from a current SHCA member in good standing (can NOT be a parent or guardian).
5. Letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor or school faculty member.
6. Documentation showing the applicant has volunteered to assist in club or AKC events over the past year(s). Documentation must be printed on club stationary and signed by a club officer (examples: a letter stating the applicant helped set up or take down a local club’s show site, signed by the club president; A letter stating the applicant volunteered at Meet the Breeds, signed by the club’s coordinator).

**Additional Requirements:**

**If this is the applicant’s first time applying:**

1. Must have turned/be turning 18 years of age no earlier than the current calendar year (Jan 1st through Dec 31st).
2. Must be a high school student in grade level 12.

**If this is not the applicant’s first time applying:**

1. Must have applied for the scholarship the first year they met initial eligibility criteria.
2. Must provide the most recent semester’s transcripts (in a sealed envelope directly from school/program).
3. Cannot have been recipient of the scholarship more than three previous times.

**For all applicants:**

Applicant MUST provide a 300–500-word written essay in response to the following prompt:

*How has the sport affected your life, and how do you plan to continue to contribute to the sport?*

Essay must be written in Times New Roman font size 12 with 2.0 spacing.

**CHECKLIST**

**As the applicant, it is your responsibility to include all required items. Only complete applications will be considered.**

Have you included:

[ ]  Completed and signed application form.

[ ]  Documentation on club stationery showing volunteer involvement in AKC events.

[ ]  Official SEALED transcript from your current school showing your GPA (Envelope must be directly from the school).

[ ]  300 - 500-word essay.

[ ]  Recommendation/sponsorship letter WITH signed sponsorship form.

[ ]  Letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor or school faculty member.

**Pages 1 and 2 are for your records. Please include only pages 3 through 7 (with the required supplemental documentation) in your application packet.**

**Applicant Information:**

**First Name:** **Middle Initial:**

**Last Name:**

**Street Address:**

**City:       State:       Zip Code:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Have you received this scholarship before:** [ ] **Y** [ ]  **N If yes, what year?**

**Club Involvement:**

**List Siberian Husky club(s), all-breed club(s) which you are a member:**

**Have you ever been a club officer? Committee member? Volunteer in the past year(s)?** *Please supply documentation on club letterhead and attach to end of packet.*

**Accomplishments with Siberian Husky breed:** Include titles earned by dogs you have handled, Junior Showmanship wins or wins in Companion/Performance/Sledding events.

**Have you ever qualified for an AKC National Championship for Junior Showmanship?** [ ] **Y** [ ]  **N**

**Qualified for AKC National events for Obedience, Rally, or Agility?** [ ] **Y** [ ]  **N**

**If yes to above, please provide venue and date of competition when you competed:**

**Academic History:**

**High School, college, or institution you are currently attending.**

**If you are a high school senior, please list colleges or institutions you have applied to or have been accepted to:**

**Date of expected graduation:       Field of study, major/area of interest:**

**Have you ever been on probation, suspended, or dismissed from high school, college, institute?**

[ ] **Y** [ ]  **N.** If yes, please explain:

**Activities:** (If not applicable leave blank)

**Scholastic** (*e.g., National Honor Society)*

**Activities or organizations of which you are a member:**

**Honors and awards:**

**Offices and positions of leadership:**

**School Relate Extracurricular** *(e.g., clubs, sports, band, etc.)*

**Activities or organizations of which you are a member:**

**Honors and awards:**

**Offices and positions of leadership:**

**Not School Related Extracurricular** *(e.g., community organizations, YMCA, etc.)*

**Activities or organizations of which you are a member:**

**Honors and awards:**

**Offices and positions of leadership:**

**Essay**

300 – 500 word essay in response to the following: *How has the sport affected your life, and how do you plan to continue to contribute to the sport?*

Essay must be written in Times New Roman 12 with 2.0 spacing. Please attach essay to the end of the application packet.

**Expenses**

**List below your proposed annual school-related expenses for the academic year.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Expense Description | Amount |
| Tuition and Fees |       |
| Books, Equipment, Labs, materials, all fees  |       |
| Room and board |        |
| Total Expenses | 0 |

**DEADLINE:**

**Submit completed application to:**

**Scholarship Recipients** are expected to submit a short-written report explaining how funds were used and how the recipient benefitted from the scholarship no later than (TBD) following the award date.  Failure to submit the report will jeopardize all future SHCA Junior Showmanship scholarship opportunities for the recipient.

*By signing below, I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

*I understand any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship.*

*Furthermore, I hereby authorize the scholarship committee (official name TBD) of the Siberian Husky Club of America to communicate with the bursar’s office at my college/institution as necessary regarding my application.*

*If additional information or documentation is required, I shall provide it promptly.*

*I acknowledge all scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college/institution I am attending.*

*Should I withdraw from said college/institution, or should any other circumstance arise wherein SHCA scholarship funds are to be returned by the bursar’s office at that college/institution, those funds will be returned to the SHCA.*

Signature:

Date:

**SHCA Member Sponsorship Form**

Sponsor must be a SHCA member in good standing and have known the applicant for at least twelve months.

**Name of applicant:**

**Sponsor Name:**

**Sponsor Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

*I agree to sponsor the above applicant, knowing this sponsorship is solely for this specific scholarship and year.*

*I will supply my letter of recommendation with this signed form, which will include at least one paragraph detailing the relationship between the applicant and myself.*

*If additional information is required, I hereby authorize the scholarship committee of the Siberian Husky Club of America to communicate with me via any of the means provided above.*

Sponsor Signature:

Date: