



Now accepting applications until April 10.

by Nan Meek

The Mounted Patrol Foundation and the Woodside-area Horse Owners Association (WHOA!) are pleased to announce a new scholarship, the \$10,000 Woodside-area Equestrian Merit Scholarship Award, jointly sponsored by the two organizations for a deserving local high school senior with a demonstrated involvement in equestrian activities as well as academic achievement and community service.

Both the Mounted Patrol Foundation and WHOA! share a deep interest in the next generation of equestrians, as well as a commitment to helping them achieve worthwhile goals, through each organizations' ongoing activities and now through their joint sponsorship of the new \$10,000 Woodside-area Equestrian Merit Scholarship Award.

Application deadline is April 10, 2020, at 3:00 pm, and incomplete applications will not be considered. Eligible applicants are seniors who attend high schools in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Francisco Counties, and who have been accepted to and plan to attend a college,

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university or other continuing education program this fall. The \$10,000 Woodside-area Equestrian Merit Scholarship Award will be paid directly to the recipient's college, university or continuing education program in support of the recipient's tuition, fees, room and/or board.

Selection criteria include demonstrated equestrian involvement, academic achievement, and community service. Financial need will be taken into consideration in the selection of the scholarship recipient. Finalists will be required to provide transcripts showing their GPA. The scholarship will be awarded by May 29, 2020.



Applications and important information are available online at <https://whoa94062.org/grants-awards/> and <http://mountedpatrolfoundation.org/Scholarships.htm>

The Mounted Patrol Foundation believes that horses and equestrian activities have helped create a wonderful, healthy community in Woodside, California, and the surrounding area.

Historically, horses were essential to life in the United States for transportation, work and pleasure. The Mounted Patrol Foundation seeks to honor this legacy by continuing to support, maintain, develop and encourage equestrian facilities, activities and heritage in the town of Woodside, the county of San Mateo and the state of California. Their vision also includes the preservation of horse habitats and trail systems to provide both opportunities and environments conducive to the enjoyment of horses for horse owners and the public at large. The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), charitable organization that works in collaboration with local government, other public agencies and other non-profits to support and promote equestrian activities and facilities in the area. Learn more at www.mountedpatrolfoundation.org

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collaboration with other organizations and local government to ensure that the presence of the horse in Woodside and the surrounding San Mateo County communities is recognized, protected, and promoted. Its mission is to preserve the fundamental role of horses in maintaining the rural character of the Town of Woodside and neighboring foothill communities, to enhance opportunities for equestrian activities, and to promote the enjoyment of horses in all their various roles. WHOA! envisions a community where horses and horse activities for equestrians and the general public are appreciated, and where the rural landscape, trail networks, and horse properties are preserved. Operating under the fiscal umbrella of the Woodside Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit org., WHOA! has gifted more than \$200,000 to local equestrian projects and programs thanks to generous sponsors, volunteers, and the proceeds of its annual Woodside Day of the Horse celebration.

Find out more at www.whoa94062.org.