

EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



Financial Assistance and Scholarship Information

Every single person or family experiences hard times. This is a fact of life. Some times things go wrong. The illness or accident of a family member, a job loss, the break down of the family unit, a major repair bill, or even the death of a loved one can cause financial hardships. Sometimes these are temporary set backs. Other times, these burdens become part of one's lifestyle. Some times, some people or families just are not as fortunate. As a great preacher once said, there is no shame in being poor. It doesn't mean that you are a bad person or that you and/or your loved ones must suffer forever. The crime comes when those that are more fortunate do nothing to help those that are less fortunate.

We here at EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE know that the luxury of owning and/or riding a horse is not always affordable to some people. We also know of the tremendous benefits that being around horses bring to people. Just look into a horse's eye. He never lies, and never judges you, as long as you are kind. The magic of horses has been proven to heal mentally, emotionally and physically. EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE is committed to trying to provide financial assistance to families and individuals in need.

It is the philosophy and goal of the members of EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE that no person or family should be denied participation in our equestrian programs, stable activities or club memberships based on their inability to pay the standard fees. Within the available resources of EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, we will try to provide financial assistance, scholarships or sponsorships for any youth, or adult who desires to participate in our equestrian programs. Financial assistance may be available on a sliding scale according to family size and income for nearly all of our programs. Our awards are based on this sliding scale to help determine the appropriate level of assistance. We also consider such things as: military deployment of a family member, school grades, community service, EQUI-VENTURE volunteerism, medical expenses or recent loss of employment. We here at EQUI-VENTURE, are committed to serve everyone regardless of their income; but we do expect participants to pay a fee based upon their financial ability.

How can we do this? Funds for financial assistance are raised by fees charged for and/or funds raised by our stable activities, events, fund raisers and horse shows, as well as, contributions of money, supplies, services and time. Many of our riding students and program participants receive confidential scholarship or financial assistance, made possible through the generosity of individuals, businesses and foundations who have contributed money, time or services to EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE. And we thank them for doing so!

Scholarship and/or financial assistance applications are available. Download the application using the link on our website's Downloads Page, pick up an application at the stable's office, or we can mail an application to you. Please allow two weeks to process completed applications. To ensure a timely turnaround, please attach all required documentation.

PLEASE NOTE: *The resources for financial assistance and scholarships are limited and we try to provide financial assistance to those applicants who truly cannot afford the fee(s). Awards are given on a first come, first served basis. EQUI-VENTURE does operate on limited funds and most of these funds go directly to the care of the horses and/or to the upkeep and expenses of the facility. We depend upon our stable activities, club memberships, lesson and other program fees, and donations, as well as our volunteers to help provide feed, hay, shelter, vet and farrier care for the horses as well as, maintain our budget and services. Therefore, unless a full sponsorship or campership is awarded, all applicants that receive assistance will still have some portion of the fees to pay. Applicants may receive up to a maximum \$700 in assistance per year, (unless there are extreme circumstances). Each applicant is limited to two day camp sessions per summer. Also, we do request that applicants make any possible payments before the end of the last session. If the applicant is able to repay, even at a later date, someone else in need may be helped. In addition we require that applicants volunteer at EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE if they receive financial assistance, as well as, have the intent to continue with programs at our stable for at least a year.*