

Foothills Chapter Scholarship Policy

The board of Foothills Chapter (FH) of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society (RMDS) supports the continuing education of its members. Our Scholarship Program financially supports our members' participation in educational programs sponsored by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), RMDS, FH or local dressage barns/trainers.

1. To fulfill the purpose of this policy, a member must work without pay at a FH- or RMDS-sponsored event.
2. Members can apply for \$25 in scholarship funds for each half day worked (at least 3 hours). The maximum value for a FH scholarship is \$75 per member per calendar year.
3. When a member works at such an event, he/she must submit to the FH Scholarship Chair a Foothills Scholarship Application signed by the show manager/event organizer. The member must also describe the educational program attended, its cost and a one-to-two-paragraph description of the benefit of the program to the member.
4. Upon his/her approval, the Scholarship Chair will give the form to the FH Treasurer who will issue a check to the member. The purpose of the check is to help defray the cost of the applicant's past participation in a current year educational event.
5. Only logged time for the current year may be applied towards reimbursement for events in the current year.
6. In addition, upon vote of the FH board, scholarship funds may be awarded to individuals to help pay for extraordinary out-of-state show expenses.
7. If the annual FH Scholarship Fund has been exhausted, no more scholarships can be awarded in that calendar year.

Recipients of one or more FH scholarships cannot use their FH Scholarship-compensated hours to apply for one or more RMDS scholarships. They may, however, document additional hours on the RMDS Volunteer Form which they can, in turn, use to apply for an RMDS scholarship. Click on the form online at rmds.org, then "Forms" in left hand column, then "Volunteer Hours" under "Miscellaneous".

Volunteering is an educational experience. Foothills doubles the value of volunteering to our members.

The 2016 scholarship chair is Marilou Metcalf, metcalfmmd@mac.com.