



Border Collie Society of America Junior Handler Scholarship – Amount \$500.00

The scholarship will be available to all high school seniors. In addition, current college students who were junior handlers can still apply. Applicants will be able to apply for the scholarship each year of their undergraduate and graduate college career.

Requirements:

- The junior **must** be a current BCSA member or must have previously been a member.
- The applicant has to have competed in any venue with their Border Collie for a minimum of one year.
- The applicant must have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average to apply. It is open to applicants pursuing all majors in college.

The Application: The application consists of five parts.

1. Basic information of the applicant including involvement with their Border Collie.
2. Essay. This will be a 500 to 750 essay on a provided prompt.
3. Community service and other activities applicant participates in.
4. Two letters of recommendation; one from someone such as a teacher and the other from someone in the dog/trial field in which they compete.
5. Applicant's official transcript from the current school year.

The Judges: The applications will be judged by five to seven members of the Board and members on the Juniors Committee combined. Anyone related to or is a close friend of an applicant will not be permitted to judge.

Submission: Submissions of the applications can be either made electronically (preferred) or US mailed to the BCSA Corresponding Secretary, Glenn Schafer, 1106 Southfield Rd, Riverhead, NY 11901.

If the application is being submitted electronically, the letters of recommendation can be e-mailed by each person writing a letter directly to the Corresponding Secretary.

If the application is being submitted by U.S. Mail, then the letter must be in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature over the seal. The letters can be included with the application and mailed to the Corresponding Secretary.

Notification of the Winner: The applicant who earns the scholarship will be notified on May 15th via letter.

Disbursement of the Scholarship Money: The money will be disbursed directly to the applicant. Once the winner is notified, a proof of school enrollment must be sent to the corresponding secretary before the scholarship will be mailed. The check will be mailed within three weeks after receiving the proof or enrollment. If the BCSA does not receive the proof by October 1st, the scholarship will become null and void.

PART 1 – APPLICANT’S BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Education:

• High School or Institute you currently attend: _____

• Date of Graduation: _____

• Please list the college or colleges you have applied and/or been accepted to: _____

• College or University you plan on attending: _____

• Major/Area of Study: _____

• Have you ever been suspended, dismissed, or put on probation at any school or college?
Yes or No (Circle). If yes, please explain. Use separate sheet if needed.

Involvement in Border Collies:

• List any significant achievement made in your involvement with your Border Collie(s). This can be any titles earned or Junior Showmanship wins: _____

• List any dog related club or organization you belong to. Describe your involvement there:

• List any other involvement with dogs besides competition i.e. health clinics, education, etc:

• Describe what displaying good sportsmanship in dog events is to you: _____

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- Describe your future plans and goals in dog activities with your Border Collie(s): _____

PART TWO – ESSAY

- Essay Prompt: How has your involvement in Border Collies influenced and positively affected your life? 500-750 words on separate sheet.

PART THREE – COMMUNITY SERVICE/INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER ACTIVITIES

- List any school or extra curricular activities: _____

- List any academic achievements: _____

- List any jobs you have or had: _____

- List any volunteer work or community service you have done: _____

- List any hobbies, in addition to dogs, you have ie travel, music, etc: _____

PART FOUR – LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include two letters of recommendation. One letter is to be from someone such as a teacher, 4-H leader, counselor, or other adult involved in a leadership aspect of your life and the second letter is to be from someone in a dog show/trial venue in which you participate. Neither person can be a family relation.

PART FIVE –SCHOOL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Include your current school year official transcript.

I certify that this application is accurate and true. Any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection from the application selection. If other information is required it will be given.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

- **Submit Application either electronically or US Mail to BCSA Corresponding Secretary, Glenn Schafer, 106 Southfield Rd., Riverhead, NY 11901.**
- **DEADLINE: March 31st**
- **Application Checklist:** Application Completed and Signed Essay
 Two Letters of Recommendation Current School Year Official Transcript