

4-H Horsemanship Camp Scholarships

Following is a description of several scholarships for 4-H Horsemanship Camp and a note regarding eligibility. The application and required materials must be submitted postmarked by *June 18, 2019* in order to be considered.

Jessica Chomko Memorial Scholarship

From the time Jessi Chomko was small, her caring attitude for both people and animals exemplified the principals of the 4-H Pledge. Beginning with her first pony at age four, she learned to care for, love, and respect animals. When the pony got too old to ride, she continued to love and care for it. Jessi's 4-H experiences helped prepare her to be a responsible young woman. She served as President and Treasurer of the Sumter County Young Riders Club. She planned and organized the Sumter County 4-H Horse Show by obtaining the facility, purchasing trophies and ribbons, and working at the show. She received the T.B. Tillman Horsemanship Award. Jessi participated in the State 4-H Horse Shows, horse judging, public speaking, and other 4-H activities. One of her favorite 4-H experiences was 4-H Horse Camp at Clemson University.

When not taking classes at USC and Central Carolina, she worked weekends and summers at Red Bank Equine Therapy Farm. Her work involved care for horses with needs beyond those of healthy, active animals. According to Anne Shirley, owner of Red Bank, there was no job that was beneath her, or was there a challenge that was too big for her to tackle.

In spite of all her activities, Jessi always had time for her family. She and her mother, Jackie Young, rode horses together and participated in many horse events. She maintained a close relationship with her grandmother, Colleen Hibbard. Jessi touched many lives. Her beautiful smile and enthusiasm will be sorely missed, but she will be forever in our hearts through this scholarship fund.

One scholarship will be awarded annually in loving memory of JESSICA COLLEEN CHOMKO (July 17, 1981 – June 4, 2002) by family and friends through a memorial fund. Any South Carolina 4-H Horse Project member attending the SC 4-H Horsemanship Camp is eligible to apply. The recipient will be chosen by a committee of judges based on an essay that meets application guidelines. A 4-H Horsemanship Camp Scholarship Application and essay are required to be postmarked by the below date. Criteria for the essay are listed on the application form.

Garrison Arena/Coca Cola Scholarship

The Coca Cola Company sponsors a scholarship through the T. Ed Garrison Arena to provide a \$500 college scholarship. While not directly a scholarship for 4-H Camp registration fee, this scholarship is offered during the 4-H Horsemanship Camp. Interested 4-Hers must participate in a scholarship contest, which includes an impromptu speech of no more than 3 minutes on a horse- or 4-H-related topic drawn at random; an interview with a panel of judges; and an equitation riding test scored by a panel of judges. Scholarship competitors must use the horse that they've chosen to bring to the 4-H Horsemanship Camp for the equitation riding test. The impromptu speeches will be held on Tuesday night during the evening session and the riding test will be held on Thursday during the afternoon lunch session. The scholarship recipient will be announced on Friday afternoon during the final lunch with parents during pick up. The recipient, once enrolled in college, can request their scholarship award through the 4-H Horse Specialist and the Garrison Arena. **There must be a minimum of three participants in the scholarship contest at the SC 4-H Horsemanship Camp in order to name a scholarship recipient.**

One Coke Scholarship will be awarded during the 4-H Horsemanship Camp. This is a \$500 college scholarship (not camp registration fee scholarship). Interested 4-Hers should complete the Scholarship Application form and mail by the below date. This application does NOT require an essay. The competition will occur throughout the week at Horsemanship Camp. A minimum of 3 participants is required to award the scholarship.

4-H Horsemanship Camp Scholarship Application

Jessica Chomko and Coke Scholarship

In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must complete the required information and return postmarked by **June 18, 2019** to:

Katie Shaw
Post Office Box 23205
Columbia, SC 29224

Complete the application below. Include a letter of recommendation from your 4-H volunteer leader, and extension agent, riding instructor or some adult who is familiar with your horse involvement. *This letter should be from someone that is not related to you.*

Submit an essay that meets the guidelines listed below for the Jessica Chomko scholarships. Length of essay should be a minimum of 500 words, neatly written or typed by applicant. Criteria for the essay include:

- Describe your past and present involvement with horses.
- Describe why you would like to attend 4-H Horsemanship Camp.
- Describe a particular skill you would like to accomplish while attending Camp. How will this skill be used after you return home?
- Describe what you see as your future involvement with horses as you become a young adult.
- Will you plan to attend Camp even if you do not receive a scholarship?

Name _____ County _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Race/Gender _____

4-H Member _____ Yes _____ No Name of 4-H Club _____

Number of Years Riding Experience _____

Have you attended 4-H Horsemanship Camp before? _____

Check which scholarship(s) you are applying for:

- Jessica Chomko Memorial Scholarship
 Coke Scholarship (no essay required – 3 phases of competition at camp; not camp reg. scholarship)

By applying for a 4-H Horsemanship Camp Scholarship, I agree if I am selected that I will attend 4-H Horsemanship Camp and will follow all camp rules. All information in the above application and in my essay are truthful and accurate.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____