

**ALBERTA BARREL RACING ASSOCIATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The ABRA was established in 1996 to promote the sport of barrel racing by providing competitions in which each horse and rider has an equal opportunity to be competitive at her/his own level. Any current member in good standing may apply for a scholarship. The scholarships are to be applied towards expenses incurred while attending a college, university, trade school, or any post secondary educational institution.

**To Accompany This Application Form:**

1. One sealed letter of personal reference: Indicating the length of time the writer has known the applicant and specifics concerning the applicant's work habits, personality, goals/ambitions, contributions to society, etc. Family members may not be used.
2. One sealed letter of reference from volunteer organizations (Ex. 4H, ABRA, Church, School, etc.): Indicating the length of time the applicant has volunteered and in what capacity.
3. Letter of intent by applicant: revealing the applicant's intentions and ambitions in pursuing a post secondary education. Please indicate what drew you to this avenue of study, how you plan to achieve your goal, and how you plan to use your education in the future (Minimum 500 words).

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 1 2023**

- Applicants will be notified by September 30 2023 of their status.
- Scholarship will be decided prior to September 1 2023 and notification of winners will be announced on ABRA website.
- Scholarships are limited to one per member but if not selected they may apply a second time.
- All scholarships carry a one year expiry date. If the scholarship is not used by that date, the money will be reintroduced into the scholarship fund.
- Applicants must be Full Card ABRA members from 2022-2023.
- Recipients must provide a confirmation of enrollment from their institution in order to receive their funds. Cheques will be made payable jointly to the institution AND recipient and will be released upon confirmation.
- Minimum one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship per year will be awarded.

**Please mail scholarship applications to:**

**ABRA Scholarship Committee  
C/O April Tunke  
10517B HWY 887  
CYPRESS COUNTY  
T0K 1Z0**

## ABRA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Years with ABRA: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Associations and Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Last High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Post Secondary Institution you plan to  
attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Type (certificate, diploma or degree): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Certificate, Diploma or Degree Program (no abbreviations): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reference Number

## Alberta Barrel Racing Association Scholarship Judging Criteria

Applications will be rated out of a total of 50 points with the points awarded as follows:

1. Each year of membership with ABRA will be one point for a maximum of 10 points.
2. Each letter of reference will be worth 2 points for a total of 4 points.
3. The letter of intent essay will be judged by non-partisan members of the community. Each essay will be graded on content, mechanics, grammar, and spelling. The grade will be out of a possible 36 points. See the rubric for point breakdown.
4. In the event of a tie, the grade 12 transcripts will be considered.
5. The decisions of the selection committee are final.

### Alberta Barrel Racing Association scholarship: Letter of intent rubric

- Writer's intention and ambitions are stated
- What drew the writer to their selected future profession is stated
- How the writer plans to achieve their goal is stated
- How the writer plans to use their education in the future is stated

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Limited</b>
<b>Content</b>  <b>x2 = 8</b>	Judicious Development of content demonstrates insightful understanding of topic.	Excellent development of content demonstrates relevant understanding of topic.	Basic development of content.	Insufficient and/or vague development of content with little value.
<b>Organization</b>  <b>= 4</b>	Ambitions and intentions are presented in a thoughtful manner; ideas are fully illuminated and captivates reader.	Ambitions and intentions are presented in a clear manner and engages reader.	Ambitions and intentions are conventional and partially connects with reader.	Ambitions and intentions contains vagueness and/or omission. Lacks audience appeal.
<b>Communication (Includes Vocabulary, Sentence Structure, Mechanics)</b>  <b>x2= 8</b>	Sophisticated use of vocabulary that enhances meaning.	Appropriate use of vocabulary that is clear for reader.	Generalized and predictable vocabulary.	Contains wording that is confusing, or not clear for reader.
	Sentences are skillfully structured.	Sentences are purposefully structured.	Sentences are functionally structured.	Sentence structure is awkward and/or confusing.
	Spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation is accurate and enhances writing. Errors are hardly noticeable.	Spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation have few errors and do not interfere with intended meaning of writing.	Spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation applications are inconsistent and interferes with meaning of writing.	Spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation errors are evident and significantly interferes with the meaning of writing.