

**Lake Erie College USPC Equine Talent Scholarship**

Students who are members of the United States Pony Club pursuing a major in equine studies may apply for the Lake Erie College USPC Equine Talent Scholarship, valued up to $7500 annually, with either a riding or a non-riding primary component. Our goal is to award excellence in horsemanship. Riders at any level are encouraged to apply. Award amount will be determined by a panel of Admission and Equine Studies staff and faculty using a holistic evaluation of all application materials submitted with criteria including depth of Pony Club resume, correct grammar and formatting of written materials, riding skill level, academics, and financial need (based on the FAFSA). This scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years and is dependent on the student’s continued academic success. The student must make satisfactory academic progress, and any additional criteria set by the School of Equine Studies. This scholarship is available for first-time freshman or transfer students who are members of the USPC when entering Lake Erie College.

Application Components

**Riding**

1. A riding video of no longer than 2:00 minutes demonstrating ability
2. Two letters of recommendation from USPC equine professionals in the equine industry regarding the applicant’s ability, experience, and reliability
3. Resume of USPC related experience including rating and a brief personal statement regarding how participation in Pony Club benefited the applicant

**OR**

**Non-Riding**

1. Anessay (minimum 500 words), PowerPoint presentation (minimum 10 slides), or 2-minute video about **one** of the following topics:

* Equine Business Plan

Include target demographic, geographic location, number of horses involved (if applicable), number of employees, and basic numbers including income vs. cost

* Equine Product Idea

Include intended use, method of action, expected result, and the problem the product is designed to solve

* Facility Design

Include dimensions, arena location(s) and sizes, pasture layout, water access, waste management, fence material, and intended use

1. Two letters of recommendation from USPC equine professionals in the equine industry regarding the applicant’s ability, experience, and reliability
2. Resume of USPC-related equine experience including a brief personal statement regarding how participation in USPC benefited the applicant

For applicants admitted before 11/15, components must be submitted by 12/1. All other applications are due no later than 21 days after being admitted to Lake Erie College. All materials should be submitted to [wburtt@lec.edu](mailto:wburtt@lec.edu). Large files including videos and PowerPoint presentations may be submitted via email as a shared Google Drive file.