

AAEP Foundation Allocates \$284,000 in Support of Programs Benefiting the Welfare of the Horse

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation has approved 2014 funding of \$284,000 for 24 equine organizations and special projects committed to improving the welfare of the horse.

The Foundation Advisory Council selected recipients from a group of new applications and ongoing projects seeking continued Foundation funding during its summer meeting in Louisville, Ky.

Among the initiatives receiving support are Equitarian workshops, student veterinary scholarships, important equine research, unwanted horse programs, and professional and youth development. New initiatives to receive funding include the Horses and Humans Research Foundation for research into equine-assisted rehabilitation for military veterans; and the Equine Land Conservation Resource for its planning and zoning guide to facilitate protection and preservation of lands available for horse-related activities and facilities.

Congratulations to the following recipients (by category):

Equine Advocacy/Unwanted Horses

- American Veterinary Medical Association Foundation's Congressional Science Fellowship
- Equine Land Conservation Resource
- Unwanted Horse Coalition and its Operation Gelding Program

Equine Research

- AAEP Foundation's Laminitis Research Project
- Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Starlight Racing Laminitis Matching Fund
- Horses and Humans Research Foundation
- Morris Animal Foundation
- Equine Research Coordination Group
- AAEP Past Presidents' Research Fellow
- EQUUS Foundation/AAEP Foundation Research Fellows

Equitarian Programs

- Christian Veterinary Mission's Fast Horses Seminar in Mongolia
- Equitarian Initiative Workshops in:
 - Costa Rica
 - Guatemala
 - Nicaragua

Professional Development

- World Equine Veterinary Association's International Congress

Scholarships and Veterinary Student Development

- The Race For Education/Platinum Performance/AAEP Foundation Winner's Circle Scholarships
- Markel/AAEP Foundation Scholarships
- Zoetis/AAEP Foundation Scholarships

- AAEP Student Member Educational Programs:
 - AAEP Annual Convention student programs
 - Focus on Students summer meeting
 - Dentistry, Farriery and Horse Handling short courses
 - Chapter activities

Youth Development in the Equine Community

- American Youth Horse Council's Leadership Symposium
- National FFA's Convention & Expo Student Career Workshops, in partnership with the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation

To learn more about programs receiving financial support from the AAEP Foundation, visit www.aaepfoundation.org and click the "Our Work" heading. For more information about the AAEP Foundation and its grant program, visit www.aaepfoundation.org.

The AAEP Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization created in 1994, serves as the charitable arm of the American Association of Equine Practitioners to improve the welfare of the horse. Since its inception, the Foundation has allocated more than \$3 million to support its mission.

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