



## **AAEP/American Live Stock Inc. Veterinary Student Scholarship**

The AAEP / American Live Stock Inc. Scholarship, established in 1989, is awarded to eight fourth-year veterinary students who plan a career focused on the health and welfare of the horse. Each accredited college or school of veterinary medicine is encouraged to nominate one fourth-year student who has exhibited, along with academic merit, the potential to contribute on a broad scale to the practice of equine veterinary medicine. Approximately one in four applicants will be rewarded with a scholarship.

The Scholarship's intent is to assist those students who are likely to have a meaningful involvement with the AAEP in a leadership role after graduation. Consideration will be given to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities in any of a variety of equine related areas including, but not limited to, involvement with the AAEP, community organizations, or equine industry programs.

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*American Live Stock Inc. is the premier livestock insurer in the United States specializing in equine and cattle mortality coverage. Founded in 1952, the Geneva, Illinois based company has a long and proud history in livestock related business. [www.amlivestock.com](http://www.amlivestock.com)*



## APPLICATION FORMAT

Each accredited college or school of veterinary medicine may nominate one fourth-year veterinary student. Eight \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. Respective colleges or schools may determine the criteria for nominating their candidate within the stated guidelines. The following five application components should be compiled in the **exact order listed below**:

1. The attached, completed **AAEP/American Live Stock Inc. Scholarship Program Cover Sheet**.
2. One essay, not to exceed 1,500 words that answers the following three questions: a) *Why do you plan to enter equine practice and what events and/or individuals influenced your decision?*; b) *What characteristics do you possess that uniquely qualify you for this scholarship?*; c) *What do you intend to have accomplished in equine practice five to ten years from graduation?*
3. A curriculum vitae, not to exceed two pages, detailing the applicant's equine experience, veterinary experience (externships and clinical rotations), along with community and scholastic leadership experience including any offices held.
4. Two completed evaluation forms: Evaluation Form #1 to be completed by a clinical instructor familiar with the applicant's clinical performance; Evaluation Form #2 to be completed by an equine practitioner in private practice.
5. A self-addressed, stamped postcard to be returned by the AAEP as confirmation of receipt.

### **DO:**

- ✓ Use the checklist as a guide to assemble a complete application packet.
- ✓ Include both original evaluation letters as **part** of the application packet.
- ✓ Submit completed application to your AAEP CHAPTER ADVISOR by Wednesday, September 17, 2008.
- ✓ As the chosen applicant, make 16 **STAPLED ONLY** copies of the **COMPLETE application packet**.
- ✓ Mail 17 packets (16 copies plus one original) to the AAEP office at the address below. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008.** Failure to comply with any of the listed requirements will have a negative impact on the applicant's candidacy.

Send applications to:

**Chair, Student Relations Committee  
American Association of Equine Practitioners  
4075 Iron Works Parkway  
Lexington KY 40511**



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF EQUINE PRACTITIONERS AND  
AMERICAN LIVE STOCK INC.  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
COVER SHEET**

*To be copied and returned as part of each application packet*

1. APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. INSTITUTION NOMINATING APPLICANT:  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. APPLICANT'S GPA AND CLASS STANDING:

VETERINARY SCHOOL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS STANDING: \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF VETERINARIANS SUPPLYING  
RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. EQUINE PRACTITIONER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**AAEP/AMERICAN LIVE STOCK INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
EVALUATION FORM**

Note to the evaluator: Please enclose the completed evaluation in an envelope, seal and sign across the flap to ensure confidentiality. Please return to the address indicated with an \* below.

**To be completed by the Applicant:**

Applicant's

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Name and address of your institution's financial aid or equivalent department managing your application:

\*Contact

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

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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***NOTE:** The AAEP Student Relations Committee's assessment of this application will be based in part upon an evaluation of the applicant's capacity for professional-level work and his or her potential for professional success. It will not become a part of the applicant's permanent student record. In order to encourage the evaluator to provide the committee with an objective and candid opinion, the applicant is encouraged to sign the following statement before giving the form to the evaluator. Note the signing of this statement is optional.*

I hereby waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation in regard to my application for an AAEP scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Evaluator:**

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

Title or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

1. What was the applicant's title or position while employed by your firm or organization?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What was your supervisory relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Private practitioner  
b. Clinician

3. What was the context of your interaction with the student? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please estimate the total number of hours the applicant interacted with you. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Rate the applicant from 1 – 10 on each of the qualities listed below. In considering your rating, compare this student to other veterinary students you have known.

**1 = bottom 5%**  
**2 – 3 = fair/ next 30%**  
**4 – 6 = satisfactory / next 40%**  
**7 – 9 = excellent / next 20%**  
**10 = outstanding / top 5%**

Please think of your ratings as an evaluation, not a recommendation.

<input type="checkbox"/> enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/> judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness in dealing with fellow employees
<input type="checkbox"/> motivation	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to handle animals	<input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness in dealing with the public
<input type="checkbox"/> honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> sharing of ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to work as part of a team
<input type="checkbox"/> stamina	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to work independently	
<input type="checkbox"/> leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness in dealing with supervisor	
<input type="checkbox"/> dependability		
<input type="checkbox"/> use of common sense		

6. Letter of evaluation. Please attach a separate sheet. Inclusion of specific instances where the above characteristics were demonstrated is especially helpful. Identification of both strengths and areas of needed improvement are essential. Comments on your assessment of the applicant's commitment to equine practice and leadership potential are also very important. Please also explain any reservations you may have about the applicant's abilities.

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7. Please check one of the following boxes to indicate the degree of your overall evaluation of the applicant, based on his or her performance of duties and responsibilities.

<input type="checkbox"/> strongly recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> recommend with reservation
<input type="checkbox"/> recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> do not recommend

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Signature

Date

Thank you for taking the time to help the AAEP Student Relations Committee in evaluating applicants to the AAEP/American Live Stock Inc. Scholarship Program. We appreciate your assistance and value your advice. Your recommendation is an important part of the overall evaluation process.



## Scholarship Application Checklist

(For applicant's use only; do not return)

The application must include the following documents in this order:

- 1. AAEP/American Live Stock Inc. Scholarship Program Cover Sheet, completed in full.
- 2. One essay, not to exceed 1,500 words that answers the following three questions:  
*a) Why do you plan to enter equine practice and what events and/or individuals influenced your decision? b) What characteristics do you possess that uniquely qualify you for this scholarship? c) What do you intend to have accomplished in equine practice five to ten years from graduation?*
- 3. Curriculum Vitae, not to exceed two pages, detailing the applicant's equine experience, veterinary experience (externships and clinical rotations) along with community and scholastic experience including any offices held.
- 4. Evaluation Form #1 completed by a clinical instructor familiar with applicant's clinical performance; Evaluation Form #2, completed by an equine practitioner in private practice.
- 5. Self-addressed, stamped postcard to be returned by the AAEP for confirmation of receipt.
  - ✓ Make sure your evaluators know to sign and seal their evaluations and to return them to your university contact. Evaluations should not be returned to the student or to the AAEP. The university contact should open the evaluations and include them in the application packet.
  - ✓ As the chosen applicant from your school, make sixteen stapled copies of the above packet, and mail, with the original packet, to be **RECEIVED** by **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008** at the AAEP Headquarters. The STUDENT is ultimately responsible for ensuring that his or her application has been completed correctly and submitted by the deadline. Failure to comply with all requirements will have a negative impact on the applicant's candidacy. Send application to:

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