

MPC Educational Support Fund Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose

To provide financial support to assist the Active and Affiliate Members of Manitoba Pony Club in developing their Equine knowledge and skills or provide financial assistance with their post secondary education.

Priorities

1. Funds will be made available for members to attend clinics and other educational opportunities to improve their riding skills or horse management knowledge.
2. Pony Club clinics will receive top priority, followed by clinics offered by other Equestrian groups.
3. Where there are still funds available, scholarships may be awarded to assist members with post-secondary education.

Distribution of Funds

1. Named Beneficiaries
 - a) Funds will be for the member named by the donor, to support Equine Educational clinics and Post Secondary Education.
 - b) Payments will be limited to the lesser of either 75% of the total fee for each clinic/course or the remaining balance in the individuals account.
 - c) The member must apply for the funds using the application provided.
 - d) Payments will be made to the clinic organizers or post secondary institution in the name of the member.
 - e) If a payment is to be made after the fact, the member must provide a receipt or cancelled cheque, showing payment of the appropriate fees.
The committee will be responsible for contacting the family for permission to set up the fund.

2. General Donation
 - a) Funds will be distributed annually by a Committee of 5 members of the MPC Regional committee to Active or Affiliate Members, to support Equine Educational clinics and Post Secondary Education.
 - b) The Committee, keeping in mind the funds available for distribution and the number of applicants, will determine financial support.
 - c) Grants are to be no more than 50% of the total fee for the clinic/course.
 - d) Members must apply for the grant, using the application provided, and provide a cancelled cheque or appropriate receipt.
 - e) Monies will be distributed at the end of each year, based on the number of applications received.