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**APHF Scholarship Program for PATH Intl. Riding Instructors Enters Second Year**

Denver—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) and the American Paint Horse Foundation will continue an innovative partnership designed to help train therapeutic riding instructors. This alliance, which was founded in 2013, provides scholarship assistance to potential instructors of therapeutic riding. While open to anyone with skills in equine management, horsemanship, instruction, teaching methods and disabilities, preference for scholarships will be given again to medical professionals.

Founded in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs, more than 4,200 PATH Intl. instructors have helped in excess of 56,000 children and adults find strength and independence through involvement with horses. The average cost of registration for a PATH Intl. certification workshop and test, which takes place over three days, is \$800. The American Paint Horse Foundation seeks to assist individuals interested in certification through the application and acceptance of one-time, \$800 scholarships.

The APHF scholarship is open only to first-time applicants, and all applicants must be APHA members and PATH Intl. members in good standing. Additionally, candidates must meet the PATH Intl. criteria to become a Registered Level Instructor In Training and have completed at least 10 hours volunteering at a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center.

Two \$800 scholarships were awarded earlier this year, and applications are being sought again by the American Paint Horse Foundation, whose primary mission centers on heritage and education. Formed in 2005, the foundation is chartered as a nonprofit corporation. Learn more about how the foundation benefits the lives of American Paint Horses and their enthusiasts at [aphfoundation.org](http://aphfoundation.org).

To apply for an American Paint Horse Foundation PATH Intl. scholarship, contact Jan Anderson at (817) 222-6414 or [janderson@apha.com](mailto:janderson@apha.com). Applications should be postmarked by March 1, 2014. Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 15, 2014.

[Click here to submit your application.](#)

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*About PATH Intl.:*

*Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At 850 member centers, more than 56,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large*

*operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are nearly 52,000 volunteers, 4,232 instructors, 7,503 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.*