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APHF Scholarship Program Helps Fund PATH Intl. Riding Instructors

Denver—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) and the American Paint Horse Foundation (APHF) 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 to medical professionals.

Founded in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs, more than 4,600 PATH Intl. instructors have helped in excess of 61,000 children and adults, including nearly 4,000 veterans, 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 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.

Applications must be received at APHA Headquarters by May 1. Applications should be sent to the attention of Laura Jesberg/APHF Therapeutic Riding Scholarship Program. The scholarships will be awarded in August. Additional questions about the scholarship application or process can be directed to APHF Director Laura Jesberg at (817) 222-6412 or email ljesberg@apha.com.

[Click here to begin the process.](#)

Learn more about how the APHF benefits the lives of American Paint Horses and their enthusiasts at apha.com/Foundation. Learn more about PATH Intl. Certifications at <http://www.pathintl.org/resources-education/certifications>.

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About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International® (PATH Intl.®) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 866 member centers, nearly 62,000 children and adults, including veterans, may find improved health, wellness and a sense of pride and independence through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive

vaulting, trail riding, competition, groundwork and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are more than 55,000 volunteers, 4,666 instructors, 7,672 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.