

**Alpacas of Oklahoma  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
COVER LETTER**

For Office Use:  
Application  
Number:

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31 OF QUALIFYING CALENDAR YEAR**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**Cover Letter to be removed by A-OK Scholarship Committee  
prior to Submission for Evaluation**

Applicant's Name:  Date:

Home Address:

Date of Birth:  Youth Class Level:

Parent(s) Name:  (for contact purposes)

Best Phone to call:  [ ] Cell [ ] Home [ ] Work

Qualifying Calendar Year:  National Show Year:

*Parent(s):*

*By signing below, you are acknowledging that you feel this application meets the criteria established by Alpacas of Oklahoma for Scholarship Guidelines and that the data entries and composition of the application was that of the youth applicant, even if dictated by the youth applicant to an adult and handwritten or typed by an adult. You further understand that any detection of adult assistance in "composition" may be cause for a deduction of points in the evaluation process and any detection of plagiarism will disqualify the applicant. In addition, you are acknowledging that, if scholarship is granted, you will use the funds received strictly for costs associated with the purpose stated above (must provide copies of receipts for all associated expenses).*

Signature of Parent:

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Applicant's Youth Class Level:

(All ages are as of January 1 of the qualifying calendar year).

- ☐ Sub-Junior (Ages 5-8)
- ☐ Junior (Ages 9-10)
- ☐ Intermediate (Ages 11-13)
- ☐ Senior (Ages 14-17)

1. **A-OK MEMBERSHIP:** *The applicant must be a current A-OK Junior member (no fee for this membership). Membership application must be submitted to A-OK prior to their first participation in "any" AOA Certified Show in the qualifying Calendar year.*
  - *All Ages/Classes - Must attend a minimum of one (1) A-OK General Membership meeting during the qualifying calendar year.*
  - *Additional Senior Class requirement: Must also attend a minimum of one (1) A-OK sponsored Educational event during the qualifying calendar year.*

**Attach a copy of your A-OK Membership Certificate showing the date joined and proof of attendance at required meetings and/or educational events (can be a letter from A-OK Secretary).**

2. **VOLUNTEER/WORK HOURS:** *Volunteer or work hours must be completed throughout the qualifying calendar year at any A-OK event or at any A-OK member farm/ranch. Hours completed on the applicant's own family farm/ranch do not qualify. The idea is to show commitment to the alpaca industry as a whole by giving to others. A "Certificate of Commitment" shall be provided to the organizer of each event or the owner of each member farm/ranch to be completed validating the applicant's hours as proof that this requirement has been met. All Certificates earned shall be submitted along with the Scholarship Application. The hours required for each age group is modified based upon the age/class of the applicant as follows:*
  - *Sub-Junior (Ages 5-8) – No hours required, but may do so*
  - *Junior (Ages 9-10) – 4 hours minimum*
  - *Intermediate (Ages 11-13) – 8 hours minimum*
  - *Senior (Ages 14-17) – 16 hours minimum*

**Attach copies of your Certificate(s) of Commitment earned during the qualification period.**

3. **BLUE RIBBONS:** *Applicant must have earned at least one blue ribbon in any performance category (not Costume) at any AOA Certified Youth Performance Show during the qualifying calendar year.*

**Attach proof of your Blue Ribbon(s) earned and identify the name(s) and date(s) of the qualifying AOA Certified Performance Show(s).**

4. **ESSAY:** *The essay portion of the application is designed to allow the applicant to show knowledge of and commitment to the alpaca industry and is different for each age class based upon the expectations of children of that age (All ages are as of January 1 of the qualifying calendar year). Any detection of adult assistance in “composition” may be cause for a deduction of points in the evaluation process and any detection of plagiarism will disqualify the applicant.*
- **Sub-Junior** (Ages 5-8): *Give a list of a minimum of three facts you have learned about alpacas, alpaca ranching and/or the alpaca industry. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will not be evaluated. May be handwritten in a legible format.*
  - **Junior** (Ages 9-10): *Write two paragraphs describing facts you have learned about alpacas, alpaca ranching and/or the alpaca industry. Minor evaluation of spelling, punctuation, and grammar. May be handwritten in a legible format and double-spaced.*
  - **Intermediate** (Ages 11-13): *Write a 200-word essay describing facts about alpacas, alpaca ranching and/or the alpaca industry. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will be evaluated and citing resources may add bonus points. Must be type-written and double-spaced.*
  - **Senior** (Ages 14-17): *Write a 500-word essay about a “specific topic” associated with alpacas, alpaca ranching and/or the alpaca industry. Be clear about your thesis, describing your topic, and provide details supporting your argument or point. Be sure to provide genuine insight and a persuasive argument. Show proof of research by citing resources. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar will be evaluated. Must be type-written and double-spaced.*

**Attach your required essay document.**