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AHS Foundation Awards Inaugural Junior/U25 Scholarships

The American Hanoverian Society Foundation (AHSF) is proud to announce the first recipients of its newly launched Junior/U25 Scholarship Fund, which supports educational experiences for young equestrians and breeders passionate about the Hanoverian and Rhineland breeds.

The Fall 2025 award cycle has selected two outstanding recipients:

- Ava Shaw of Frenchtown, MT has been awarded \$1,200 to attend the Carl Hester Symposium at Galloway Downs in Temecula, California this November.
- Cajsa Bitte Stroem of Huntersville, NC has been awarded \$1,300 to support a one-month training experience with Danielle Sinonti in preparation for presenting her two-year-old Hanoverian colt in-hand during the 2026 season.

“I’m so excited and really grateful to be chosen for the Fall 2025 AHSF Junior/U25 Scholarship,” says Stroem. “It means a lot to have this kind of support as I keep learning and getting more involved with the Hanoverian and Rhineland breeds.”

Launched earlier this year, the Junior/U25 Scholarship Fund provides up to \$2,500 per cycle to U.S. applicants age 25 or under who are active members of the American Hanoverian Society and engaged in breeding, training, or equine educational pursuits. Scholarship funds may be used for clinics, conferences, seminars, or other hands-on learning opportunities that further recipients' knowledge in riding and training, horse care, and/or breeding practices.

“We were very impressed with the quality of applications for our inaugural Junior/U25 Scholarship,” said Natalie DiBerardinis, Chairman of the AHS Foundation. “Applicants ranged in age from 12 to 24, represented a variety of disciplines, and submitted thoughtful proposals with clearly defined goals. It’s incredibly inspiring to see such commitment to the future of our breeds.”

The next application cycle for the Junior/U25 Scholarship will open in early 2026. Full eligibility criteria and application details are available at: ahs-foundation.org/junior-scholarship/