

AAEP Foundation Grants/Programs 2010-2011

Recipient Agency

Program

**American Association of
Equine Practitioners**

Veterinary Student Educational Programs

These programs are focused on keeping veterinary students engaged in equine practice.

- **Student Chapter Convention Stipends**
To support the 36 AAEP Student Chapters and their efforts to get student members to attend convention.
- **Student Chapter Short Courses**
To support 16 Farrier and 12 Dental short courses that take place annually at selected AAEP Student Chapters. Additional support is provided by Purina and Pfizer Animal Health for these programs.
- **Student Chapter Activity Fee Stipends**
To support local chapter educational events at the 36 AAEP Student Chapters.
- **Student Convention Stipends**
To support travel assistance for one AAEP Student Chapter member at each school so they may attend convention. Additional support is provided by Purina for this program.
- **Student Chapter Board/Member Educational Visits**
To support board and/or member travel to the various student chapters to present to the students about the AAEP, AAEP Foundation and its efforts.

AAEP Foundation

Educational and Scholarship Programs Organized and Operated by the AAEP Foundation

These programs are focused on meeting and enhancing the Foundation's mission.

- **Past Presidents' Research Fellow**
To support the AAEP Foundation Past Presidents' Research Fellow, a \$5,000 scholarship, which is awarded annually to an AAEP member graduate or resident who is completing their residency or a graduate program while participating in equine research.

- **Equine Research Coordination Group**
 To support the programs and efforts of the ERCG and its mission to advance the health and welfare of horses by promoting the discovery and sharing of new knowledge, enhancing awareness of the need for targeted research, educating the public, expanding fundraising opportunities, and facilitating cooperation among funding agencies.
- **American Live Stock Inc./Hiscox Insurance Company Inc./AAEP Foundation Student Scholarships**
 To support eight outstanding veterinary students who have committed their careers to equine practice with a \$2,500 scholarship from American Live Stock Inc. /Hiscox Insurance Company Inc. and the AAEP Foundation. These scholarships are available to fourth-year veterinary students who are proven leaders in their veterinary school, advocates for equine welfare and academic achievers.
- **10th International Equine Colic Research Symposium**
 To support this 3-day educational and planning meeting focusing on equine colic research to be held in July of 2011 in Indianapolis, IN.
- **Equitarian Workshop**
 To support an educational workshop in Veracruz, Mexico. This workshop is a collaboration of the AAEP Foundation, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, the Donkey Sanctuary, World Horse Welfare and the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. This debut program held Oct. 17-22, offers AAEP members cultural knowledge and field training necessary to aid communities that rely on working equids for subsistence. Attendees will gain hands-on experience serving equids in underprivileged communities of Veracruz, where hundreds of horses are in need of saddle fittings, disease treatment, castrations and other services.

American Horse Council

Unwanted Horse Coalition

To support the efforts of the Unwanted Horse Coalition and its mission to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare through education and the efforts of organizations committed to the health, safety, and responsible care and disposition of these horses. Additional support was provided in 2010 to help launch the coalition's new "Operation Gelding" program. This new program will provide funds and materials to assist organizations, associations and events that wish to sponsor clinics to which horse owners can bring their stallions to be

castrated. A number of associations have sponsored such clinics and the UHC wants to help more organizations, associations and events get involved in this effort. Operation Gelding is patterned after several initiatives undertaken by horse associations, organizations and events around the country.

**American Quarter
Horse Foundation**

Equine Research

To support equine research projects awarded by this organization to applicant researchers and institutions.

**American Veterinary
Medical Association
Foundation**

AVMA Congressional Science Fellowship Program

To support the AVMA Congressional Science Fellowship program. The Fellowship Program makes the veterinary profession accessible to the nation's lawmakers and regulators on a daily basis.

**American Youth Horse
Council**

Leadership Symposium

To support the AHYC's 2011 Leadership Symposium which each year features excellent educational opportunities and presentations to youth about horse health as well as careers in equine research, veterinary medicine and the equine industry.

**Christian Veterinary
Mission**

Fast Horses Seminar

To support the Christian Veterinary Mission's Fast Horse Seminar in Mongolia, aimed at educating the herdsman of this country on equine health and welfare.

**Colorado State University
& Equine Guelph**

International Equine Biosecurity Risk Calculator

To support the development of an International Equine Biosecurity Risk Calculator, an interactive online assessment tool. The goal of this project is to provide equine operation owners or managers a way to objectively evaluate their biosecurity programs. This project proposes revision of the existing Equine Guelph Online Biosecurity calculator to make it applicable to operations throughout North America and to expand the scope of assessment beyond that included in the current version of the existing online calculator. Facilities will gain automated recommendations about biosecurity practices that are specific to their facility, based on the answers given. Consultation with the facility veterinarian will be recommended as a source of more in-depth information on the practices.

**Grayson-Jockey Club
Research Foundation**

Equine Research

To support equine research projects awarded by this organization to applicant researchers and institutions.

Morris Animal

Equine Research Study – Identifying Factors That

Foundation**Lead to Laminitis**

To support an equine research study being conducted by Dr. Black. Equine laminitis is a crippling condition in which the tissue that suspends the horse's skeleton within the hoof deteriorates. Due to both the devastating nature of the disease and the lack of effective therapies, developing new equine laminitis treatments is a top research priority. Researchers hope to identify the enzymes that prompt the development of laminitis. The goal is to identify the mechanisms that cause the equine digital laminae to fail and to use this information to select drugs that could inhibit the process. The principal investigator for this study is Dr. Samuel J. Black (University of Massachusetts)

National FFA**National FFA Student Workshop**

To sponsor, in collaboration with The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, a workshop and travel support for one speaker to the 2010 National FFA Convention.

**North American Riding
for the Handicapped****Annual Conference**

To support NARHA's 2010 National Conference and Annual Meeting which attracts 700 attendees and provides top quality education for those working with and providing services and facilities for disabled riders.

Rood & Riddle Foundation Opportunities in Equine Practice

To support all aspects of annual Opportunities in Equine Practice Seminar, a program that hosts more than 400 veterinary students, and promotes equine practice as a career path. Private equine practitioners, professional organizations, and industry sponsors join together to provide the future equine practitioner with an introductory view of all aspects of equine practice, from the large animal hospital setting to the independent practitioner, at nominal or no expense to the student. OEPS is limited to veterinary students entering their third year of veterinary school. Registration is conducted through each school's Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (SCAAEP) in the spring of the student's second year.

**Texas A&M University
College of Veterinary
Medicine****Equine Disaster Preparedness and Relief Program**

To support the Texas A&M University Veterinary Emergency – Response Team – an emergency unit developed to assist in the aid of equine and other animals during emergencies and disasters in Texas and other locations as needed. The unit will work under the authority of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

The Race For Education**Winner's Circle Scholarship Program**

To support, in collaboration with The Race For Education and Platinum Performance, one \$1,500 scholarship awarded annually to fourth-year veterinary students at each university that has a National AAEP Student Chapter in North America and the West Indies. Qualified applicants may also be able to access an additional \$3,000 in support through a related program.

**World Equine Veterinary
Association**

Biennial Congress & Intermediate Meetings

To support educational programs speakers at the 2010 Biennial WEVA Congress in Hyderabad, India and yearly intermediate meetings.