

# **The Arabian Horse Foundation**

## **Everything Starts with a Solid Foundation**

- Who are we?
  - Created in 1979
  - Support areas
    - Research and Education
    - Foundation runs on less than 1% overhead

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- Current Foundation –  
Our members
  - Chair – Debbie Himmell
  - Vice Chair – Nancy Harvey
  - Treasurer – Jim Cada
  - Secretary – Cathy Vescey
  - Board Members
    - Kathie Hart
    - Becky Nash
    - Pat Barton
    - Beth Minnich
    - Carrie Cada

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- Has the Foundation had an impact?
  - Research
    - The Foundation has funded projects resulting in development of direct DNA tests for Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) and Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS).
    - The Foundation has also funded studies investigating the genetic basis of Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS), equine melanoma, Juvenile Idiopathic Epilepsy (JIE), and Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM).
    - Our financial support helps researchers secure Federal funding more successfully.

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- Has the Foundation had an impact?
  - Education - Scholarships
    - Over the last 43 years we have awarded over 1.3 Million dollars in scholarships.

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- 2022 Scholarships paid
  - \$16,000 Foundation Direct Scholarships
  - \$20,000 Youth Nationals Scholarships
  - \$10,000 Youth Judging/Hippology
- 2022 Research Projects Funded
  - \$11,000 Research Projects Funded

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- Going Forward with Research
  - 2023 We will continue funding equine research projects, with a focus on issues of particular interest to the Arabian breed.
  - And We will be asking YOU, the Arabian horse community, for recommendations on where our Research dollars should go:
    - Research relating to breeding
      - Research relating to competition horses and their well-being
    - Research relating to feeding and general care
    - Research relating to genetic conditions

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- **Going Forward with Research**
  - We will be sending out an email blast for your response for recommendations in early 2023.
  - Once we determine the most needed new Research, we will be working to get funding specifically for the projects.

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- **Going Forward with Education**
  - We will again be funding general and Youth National specific scholarships.
  - In addition, we will help fund the currently dormant mentor program for AHA. This program was paused due to our "best friend" COVID-19.
  - Due dates for scholarship submission can be found on our website:  
<http://thearabianhorsefoundation.org/>



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- Now for the plea
  - We cannot do this without the support of our community.
  - We are YOUR Foundation, and we do all of our work with donations from our Arabian horse community.

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### How You Can Help!

Whether it's a little or a lot – every donation matters!

- **Designate the Arabian Horse Foundation as charity of choice through Amazon at Amazon Smile, and a portion of purchase amount will go to the Foundation**
- Tax-deductible donations can be made when joining or renewing with AHA

Donations can also be made online with PayPal or credit/debit card at the Foundation's website - [thearabianhorsefoundation.org](http://thearabianhorsefoundation.org)

Or by sending a check to the Foundation's Treasurer at

1024 K Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508

Donors can designate their funds specifically for the research program

