

The Feather Fund Application for Pony Award



Our Mission

The Feather Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to continue the work begun by Carollynn Suplee to assist deserving children with the purchase and attendant costs associated with the acquisition of Chincoteague Ponies, with the goal of helping a child learn about responsibility, care, love, work ethic, as well as the concept of “giving back to others” through the care and training of his or her animal. Additionally, the fund may provide financial support to related causes as determined by the advisory committee.

Criteria

Applicant:

1. Must be 10 to 18 years of age (as of the date of the annual auction).
2. Must reside in the Continental United States.
3. Must have parental or Guardian permission.
4. Must provide adequate housing for the pony (or have access to the same).
5. Must demonstrate equestrian background.
6. Must have a minimum amount of dollars saved, earned through his/her own effort.
7. Must be available for a phone or personal interview by the full selection committee or by a representative(s) of the committee.
8. Must be present at the auction to participate in the bidding process.
9. Must give the committee the first right of refusal if they decide to sell the pony within five years... the committee (at it's option) may then repurchase the pony for the amount of money the family contributed at sale.
10. Must complete a short essay or video on “Why I want a Chincoteague Pony”.
11. Must submit the Feather Fund application and include a picture of him/herself with the application.
12. Because the prices of ponies at the Chincoteague Auction vary so widely from year to year and the Feather Fund has a budget for buying ponies each year and we want to help as many pony hopefuls as possible, the Feather Fund reserves the right to determine, at auction, how high we will bid on any given pony. Youngsters selected to receive a Chincoteague Pony from the Feather Fund are encouraged to select more than one pony on which they want to bid.

APPLICATION PAGE ONE

Complete the following application form.
Submit it with a photo and your essay to:

THE FEATHER FUND
The Community Foundation of Carroll County
255 Clifton Boulevard
Westminster, MD 21158

Complete Below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Email & Phone Number(s): _____

Equine Experience:

(Please tell us a little about any experience you have had with horses and/or horse knowledge.)

Commitment:

How long have you been saving for a pony, and how much money have you saved?

APPLICATION PAGE TWO

Housing:

Do you have an adequate facility, or access to an adequate facility to house your pony?

Transportation:

If chosen, you will be responsible for your own transportation to (and lodging for) the Chincoteague Island Wild Pony Auction, held the last Thursday in July.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Essay:

Please write a brief essay telling us why it is your dream to own a Chincoteague Pony.

(You may attach your essay to this application.)

Parent or Guardian Permissions

PARENTS-READ THE FOLLOWING IN Its ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SIGN.

I, the parent and/or guardian of the above child, hereby give my permission for the said child to take possession of a Chincoteague Pony foal, should he/she be chosen.

I understand and acknowledge that I will be responsible for overseeing the proper housing and care of the awarded pony.

I agree to provide transportation to the Wild Pony Auction, and housing while on the island, should my child be awarded a foal.

I understand and acknowledge that under no circumstances, regardless of reason, will The Feather Fund be held responsible for any injuries or mishaps that occur as a result of pony ownership.

I have read all of the above and I agree to comply with the above in its entirety.

I am in favor of my son/daughter participating and I hereby give permission for him/her to participate in the award described above.

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent and/or Guardian Signature

Relationship to Child



PSALM 91:4

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.