

The English Setter Association of America is pleased to offer the Misty Mondok Myers Academic Scholarship to members who have overcome significant challenges in their lives. This academic scholarship is dedicated to the memory of member Misty Mondok Myers

Misty Mondok Myers (1969-2015) “found” her English Setters around 1980. Her first English Setter, “Missy”, Ch. Foxtract Miss Kitty Marksman, was her junior’s dog. Misty took to handling right off the bat, showing in junior showmanship and conformation. She worked for different handlers and absorbed every bit of information she could in grooming and handling English setters, as well as other breeds. Over the years Misty honed her handling abilities and loved every minute of it. In 1985 she was awarded the ESAA Annual Award for Best Open Senior and Best Junior Handler Overall. Misty went on to handle additional English Setters to their championships and helped others learn how to groom and handle English Setters. Misty was in her element at a dog show...rain or shine, always smiling and laughing and ready to help anyone.

ESAA offers annually, up to two current high school seniors or freshmen in college an academic scholarship of \$1000.00 for post-secondary educational expenses. All payments are made directly to the educational institution in the name of the recipient. Recipients must complete an application and submit documentation to support their meeting of the selection criteria. Further information, including scholarship applications are available on the ESAA website (www.esaa.com in the Junior Handler section) or by contacting Kristen Apodaca at sportypoo@aol.com. Scholarship requirements and selection criteria are listed below:

- 1. current member of ESAA (either junior, family or individual)**
- 2. current high school senior or equivalent home school level, or a freshman in a 2 or 4 year post-secondary education program**
- 3. participation in AKC events with an English setter and/or loving and living with an English setter for a minimum of three years (this may include breed, conformation, junior showmanship, and all performance/companion events as well as assisting with the raising and breeding of English setters in the home; priority is given to those juniors who have participated in multiple AKC events over the past three years or more)**
- 4. documented plans to attend or proof of attending a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institute of higher education (includes junior/community colleges and 2 year trade schools as well as 4 year colleges)**
- 5. academic achievement of a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (if an applicant is home schooled or a grading system is not being utilized, then test results or other information describing the student’s work may be submitted)**
- 6. school/community leadership and involvement, including any participation in dog-related organizations**
- 7. two letters of recommendation, of which at least one is from a current ESAA member (letters from relatives will not be accepted)**
- 8. applicant essay of no more than 750 words describing the applicant’s interests, experiences and accomplishments in the sport of purebred dogs, with an English setter, and how the individual perceived his/her future role in the fancy. Essays will be evaluated by the Committee based on originality, merit of content and writing proficiency.**

Application for Misty Mondok Myers Academic Scholarship

Year: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number Home/Cell: _____

Email address: _____

School currently attending: _____ Graduation date: _____

Are you a current member of ESAA? _____ How long? _____

List significant academic accomplishments: _____

List extra-curricular, community activities, leadership roles including both dog and non-dog related activities:

List significant accomplishments with an English Setter in the sport of dogs: _____

Provide examples that support your participation in AKC events with an English Setter and/or loving and living with an English Setter for a minimum of three years:

List which college(s) or school(s) you have applied to or been accepted to: _____

What is your intended major and career goal? _____

Please include an (unofficial) copy of your transcript. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 high school grade point average to qualify for this scholarship. High School applicants, please enclose your most recent transcript. Home School applicants, please enclose test results or other documentation describing completed work. Applicants completing their first semester of post-secondary school, enclose your final high school transcript and your 1st semester coursework and grades.

Please include two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter must be written by a current ESAA member. No letters will be accepted from relatives of the applicant.

On a separate sheet, write an essay of no more than 750 words that includes a description of your interests, experiences, and accomplishments in the sport of purebred dogs including with an English Setter. Additionally discuss how you see yourself in the future of the fancy.

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship. I understand all scholarship funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary school I will be attending.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications, including all supporting documentation, must be received by May 15 of the application year to the Academic Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Kristen Apodaca, 122 Cabin Creek Rd, Zirconia, NC 28790 or via e-mail at sportypoo@aol.com.