

The English Setter Association of America is pleased to offer the Misty Mondok Myers Courage Scholarship to members who have overcome significant challenges in their lives. This academic scholarship is dedicated to the memory of member Misty Mondok Myers, who faced her cancer diagnosis with strength and courage.

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, for up to two current members, a Courage 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 all 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. Courage Scholarship requirements and selection criteria are listed below:

- 1. current member of ESAA (either junior, family or individual)**
- 2. between the ages of 17 and 25 years of age**
- 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 members who have participated as a junior in multiple AKC events)**
- 4. documented plans to attend or proof of attending a 1 year certificate program or a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institute of higher education (includes junior/community colleges and trade schools as well as 4 year colleges)**
- 5. have received or will receive a high school diploma or GED equivalent prior to attending the educational program this scholarship would be applied to.**
- 6. exhibit school/community/dog club leadership and involvement**
- 7. one letter of recommendation from a current ESAA member (letters from relatives will not be accepted)**
- 8. applicant essay of no more than 500 words explaining a special challenge you faced, how you overcame that challenge and what strength this brings to you as you pursue additional education and your intended career goal. All information is kept confidential.**

Application for Misty Mondok Myers Courage Scholarship

Year: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number Home/Cell: _____

Email address: _____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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

List school/community/dog club leadership and involvement: _____

Provide examples that support your participation in AKC events with an English Setter, highlighting those activities you participated in as a junior and/or loving and living with an English Setter for a minimum of three years: _____

What do you see your involvement with the English Setter breed and the fancy to be in the future? _____

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

What is your intended area of study and career goal? _____

Please include proof of high school graduation/enrollment or GED by providing a copy an unofficial copy of your transcript or GED records. There is no minimum GPA requirement for this award.

Please include one (1) letter of recommendation 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 500 explaining a special challenge you faced, how you overcame that challenge and what strength this brings to you as you pursue additional education and your intended career goal. All information is kept confidential.

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.**