

## ALSA Youth Scholarship Program

### UPDATED FOR 2026 Awarding of Scholarship.

The Alpaca Llama Show Association (ALSA) is proud to support our outstanding youth members as they pursue higher education. The ALSA Youth Scholarship Fund will now operate on a **tiered award structure**:

- **1–5 eligible applications received:** ONE (1) scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded.
  - **6 or more eligible applications received:** TWO (2) scholarships of \$750 each will be awarded.
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### Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the ALSA Youth Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a **current ALSA Youth Member** in good standing.
  - Be a **High School Senior**, graduating in the year of application.
  - Be **no older than 19 years of age** at the time of application.
  - Plan to attend a **Higher Education Accredited Institution** within **one year** of applying.
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### Application Deadline

- All **complete applications** must be **postmarked by March 15** or emailed by March 15 of the current year to Kim Kyst, 1561 Galilee Church Road, Jefferson, Georgia 30549, or [kim@kyst.org](mailto:kim@kyst.org). I suggest if you email, please call Kim at 678-481-3759 to confirm received email. Email Subject Line Must Read: ALSA Youth Scholarship Package.
  - Late or incomplete submissions **will not** be considered.
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## Required Materials (Application Packet)

Applicants must submit a complete application packet in the following **order**:

1. **Application Form**
2. **Checklist & Confirmation Page**
3. **Typed Responses to Scholarship Questions**
4. **Two Recommendation Letters**
  - One from an individual in your **educational background**
  - One from someone familiar with your **llama or alpaca-related involvement**
  - **Relatives are not permitted** as recommenders

### Mail or Email completed packet to:

Kim Kyst  
1561 Galilee Church Road  
Jefferson, Georgia 30549  
kim@kyst.org

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## Scholarship Application Questions

Please **type your responses** to the following questions. Include them in your packet:

1. Why do you want to attend a Higher Educational Accredited Institution?
  2. How did you select your institution, or what are your criteria?
  3. Do you plan to participate in specific activities while attending?
  4. What is your intended major/field of study?
  5. What are your long-term life goals?
  6. Describe your high school extracurricular activities.
  7. Describe your activities outside of school, especially community service.
  8. Why do you think you should receive this scholarship?
  9. List any other scholarships or awards you have received.
  10. What was your academic rank in high school (lower, middle, or upper third)?
  11. How many years have you been involved with llamas? With ALSA?
  12. What do you see as your future involvement with llamas?
  13. Who is the person you most admire and why?
  14. When do you plan to enroll in your chosen institution?
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## Checklist & Confirmation Page

Please confirm your packet includes:

- Application Form
- Typed Scholarship Question Responses
- Two Recommendation Letters
  - Educational background
  - Llama/alpaca-related
- ALSA Youth Member in good standing
- High School graduate in application year
- No older than 19 years old
- Plans to attend an accredited higher education institution within one year

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that I have completed the application as outlined above and understand all eligibility requirements.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ALSA Youth Judging Selection Committee Selection Criteria

To ensure fair and consistent evaluation, the committee will use the following criteria:

<b>Evaluation Category</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Completion & Organization of Application	10 points
Academic Achievement & Goals	15 points
Leadership & Extracurricular Involvement	15 points
Community Service	10 points
ALSA/Llama Involvement & Impact	20 points
Recommendation Letters	10 points
Clarity and Thoughtfulness of Essay Responses	20 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 points</b>

**Bonus:** An additional 5 bonus points may be awarded for attending and participating in ALSA-sanctioned events during the application year, including the Grand National Championship.

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### Questions?

Only applicants may submit inquiries.

**Contact:** Kim Kyst at [kim@kyst.org](mailto:kim@kyst.org) or 678-481-3759

Questions submitted by non-applicants will not be answered.