

Elgin Bracken Memorial 4-H Light Horse Award

Background:

Elgin Bracken lived in Hudson Bay, Sask. for over 70 years where he was an avid horseman and a 4-H light horse leader, judge, clinician and supporter. He was involved in raising, training, showing and selling horses in the North East area for over 50 years. Elgin was proud of raising quality show horses that were gentle, quiet and ideal for kids. Many of Elgin's horses were sold to 4-H members in the North East. Elgin passed away in June 2014 and the family chose to remember Elgin's contributions to the horse industry and the 4-H light horse program by setting up an endowment fund that would support this memorial award in perpetuity.

Purpose:

To provide an annual financial award (\$750) to a deserving 4-H light horse member from the North East region who best exemplifies a commitment to, and a passion for, horses as well as shows leadership in their 4-H club and community.

Who is eligible?

Must be a current member of a 4-H light horse club located in the North East region (NE Region boundaries as defined by the Saskatchewan 4-H Council). Must have been a 4-H member for at least 2 consecutive years and be a minimum of 13 years of age (intermediate or senior member) in the year of application.

Selection criteria:

- Displays a strong commitment to, and passion for, the 4-H light horse program and horses in general;
- Shows youth leadership within their 4-H club, school, and community;
- Demonstration of financial need to support their involvement in horse activities;
- Proven involvement in horse activities and events beyond the 4-H program;
- Quality of references provided.

Application deadline: April 1st of each year.

Send application to:

4-H Saskatchewan
Attention: Elgin Bracken Memorial 4-H Light Horse Award
3830 Thatcher Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7R 1A5

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A. APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Year of birth: _____ Age: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Name of Light Horse Club leader: _____

Number of consecutive years in 4-H Light Horse program: _____

B. APPLICATIONS QUESTIONS: (attach your responses to your application)

1. Describe your **commitment to and passion** for the 4-H light horse program and horses in general.
2. Outline the **youth leadership or volunteer** roles you play in your 4-H club, school, or community.
3. Describe the **financial need** you have for this award and how it will assist you in covering some of the costs of your involvement in horse activities.
4. Detail your involvement in **horse activities and events beyond your 4-H club**.
5. List any 4-H or **personal awards or accomplishments** you've achieved.
6. In 150 words or less **describe why you think you are a worthy candidate** for this award.

C. REFERENCES:

Provide **two reference letters** from someone, other than a parent or relative, that can speak to your leadership or volunteer roles and your involvement in 4-H light horse and with horses in general.

D. DECLARATION OF APPLICANT:

I declare, to the best of my knowledge, that the information contained in this application is true and accurate. If I am chosen for this award, I authorize 4-H Saskatchewan to release my contact information to the Bracken Family for the purposes of arranging a formal award presentation, and I give my permission to use the information contained in this application and any supporting documents for promotional purposes and award announcements in 4-H or sponsor publications.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of Light Horse Project Leader: _____

Application deadline: April 1st

Submit to: 4-H Saskatchewan, 3830 Thatcher Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7R 1A5