

Feather Fund Award Application

Applicant:

1. Must be 10 to 18 years of age.
2. Must have parental or guardian permission.
3. Must provide adequate housing & care for the pony (boarding or own facility) (In Continental United States and/or Canada)
4. Must demonstrate equestrian background, including a letter of recommendation from a riding instructor, or FFA or 4-H Leader, United States Pony Club DC, or other leader in the equine field.
5. Must have a some amount of dollars saved toward pony, earned through his/her own effort and must contribute that money to the Feather Fund, as a way of passing it on, for the next child who receives a pony.
6. Must be available for a phone or personal interview by the full selection committee or by a representative of the committee.
7. **Must give the Feather Fund committee right of first refusal if they decide to sell the pony.** The committee may then (at its option) repurchase the pony. It must be offered to the Feather Fund first, and at the price the recipient contributed at the time of original purchase, so it may be placed in a new, safe and deserving home.
8. Must complete a short essay or video on "Why I want a Chincoteague Pony".
9. Must submit the Feather Fund application and include a picture of him/herself with the application.
10. Must meet with the Feather Fund on Chincoteague Island for the Annual Pony Penning Auction to choose and bid on your pony.
11. Must update the Feather Fund at least once a year with photos and a note.
12. If reports are ever received that pony is in danger, must allow a veterinarian of our choice to examine the foal/pony. If it is determined to be in danger, recipient will be given one week to correct the issue. If not corrected the pony/foal will be removed.
13. Signing of this document is considered a contract with the Feather Fund, should pony be received from the Feather Fund.
14. Must submit with essay.

Return form (with a deadline of APRIL 1st (annually) to:

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

Complete Below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____

Equine Experience:

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

Housing:

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

Savings:

How much money have you saved on your own and how did you earn it? (Award winners will donate their money to the Feather Fund for the next year's award recipients.)

Transportation:

If chosen, you will be responsible from hauling the pony from Pony Penning on Chincoteague Island to your home or boarding facility.

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.)

Signature Page:

Please complete and sign Parent and Guardian Permissions on the next page.

Parent or Guardian Permissions

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

I, the parent/guardian of the above child, hereby give my permission for 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 transport/hauling for the foal from Pony Penning.

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 understand that the foal must be offered back to the Feather Fund if it needs to be re-homed within 5 years.

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: _____

Email: _____

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.

The Feather Fund is a non-profit organization whose mission is to continue the work begun by Carolynn 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.