The Jud Little Scholarship has been designated for a new boy or girl (freshman or sophomore) with a passion for horses and residing in rural Oklahoma to attend Culver Academies, a college preparatory boarding school in Culver, Indiana.

The scholarship will cover full tuition, room and board, uniforms, horsemanship fees, and books, a one-year value in excess of $40,000. Funding for a Spring Break in Mission trip is also an option. The scholarship will be awarded based on family need and student merit, and will be renewable on an annual basis.

To be considered, applicants will have demonstrated significant interest and experience in horsemanship activities, an excellent citizenship record, an academic record of achievement that ensures success in Culver’s highly competitive college preparatory curriculum, and those characteristics and traits that suggest the successful candidate will participate fully in Culver’s leadership development program.

Applicants must complete the Culver Academies application process as well as the Jud Little Scholarship application. Both applications are due January 15.
Time Line

October 15  Scholarship application materials available.
November – January 15 Application process underway.
January 15 Application deadline.
February 1 – 15 Selection committee reviews candidates.
March 1 Selection committee identifies scholarship recipient.

Horsemanship at Culver

Founded in 1897, Culver’s horsemanship department offers beginning and experienced riders an opportunity to acquire not only physical strength and ability, but the broader qualities of patience, perseverance, grit, and courage – the true hallmarks of a horseman.

The Black Horse Troop has been one of Culver Military Academy’s most recognizable programs for 110 years. The Troop has ridden in 14 Presidential Inaugural Parades, more than any other private or public high school. Black Horse Troop participation dates back to the inaugurals of President Woodrow Wilson and Vice President Thomas Marshall, the former governor of Indiana, in 1913 and 1917. Since 1957 the Black Horse Troop has appeared in 12 of 13 inaugural parades.

Since 1989, the Troop has been joined five times in the capital by the Equestriennes, the Culver Girls Academy mounted honor unit. The Equestriennes debuted for President George H.W. Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle, also a Hoosier.

The Academies horsemanship program is divided into three major areas: equitation, sports, and military riding. The instructional program offers comprehensive instruction in all levels of riding. Caring and individualized attention challenge the advanced rider and build confidence in the beginner.

Athletically, the students are able to participate in polo, combined training (eventing), and rough riding/vaulting. Culver is one of the few remaining cavalry schools in existence, and the Black Horse Troop is the largest remaining mounted cavalry unit in the United States.

Attesting to the importance of the horsemanship program to Culver and the development of young people, ground was broken in May 2007 on a $10 million expansion and renovation of the Vaughn Equestrian Center.

Jud Little Biography

Oklahoma rancher Jud Little is a 1965 graduate of Culver Military Academy and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. He is the immediate past president of The Culver Legion, the alumni organization that represents the 11,000 graduates of Culver Military Academy and Culver Girls Academy. Little was a 2004 inductee into Culver’s Horsemanship Hall of Fame and is co-chairman of the Academies’ Horsemanship Capital Campaign. The 1,700-acre Jud Little Ranch in Ardmore specializes in breeding horses for timed rodeo events, such as barrel racing and calf roping.

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