

The PCA Anne Rogers Clark Junior Stipend Program and Guidelines

A \$300 stipend is available by the PCA Junior Education Program (monies offered by PCA and contributions) to be applied to travel cost of a deserving Junior that has successfully gained an invitation to and competes in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

A \$300 stipend is available by the PCA Junior Education Program (monies offered by PCA and contributions) to be applied to travel cost for a deserving Junior that is invited and competes in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the AKC National Championship Dog Show.

A \$300 stipend is available by the PCA Junior Education Program (monies offered by PCA and contributions) to be applied to travel cost for a deserving Junior that attends the PCA National Specialty and competes in any discipline of the sport that is offered at this show.

Basic applicant requirements:

*Applicant must be an eligible Junior (9-18 years of age) competing in any discipline of the sport with a Poodle

A minimum of 16 weeks of documented participation in 3 or more of the following:

- Participate in fundraising (if possible) at a PCA National or Regional
- Participate as a Junior, in any PCA Committee activities when possible i.e. show set-up breakdown, stewarding, Junior Ed booth set-up, assist t-shirt sales, show chair assigned tasks (age appropriate), assist in Hospitality, assist with Hunt/Field trials
- Volunteer with your dog in a service related activity/event, i.e. Bark in the Park, Meet the Breeds, visits to rehabilitative care/retirement-nursing home/hospital.
- Earn an AKC CGC title on your dog
- Attend and /or teach training classes in any discipline of competition
- Attend a Poodle breed seminar (may attend at PCA National with approval of Judge's Ed. Chairperson)

***Mandatory applicant Requirements:**

- *Exemplify “Good Sportsmanship” at all times
- *Maintain 2.0 or equivalent Grade Point Average and satisfactory attendance record
- *Write a minimum two-page essay about; your past year’s activities with your Poodle, recommendations to benefit yourself and others in the sport, your vision of the future in the sport.
- *Should the junior be unable to attend - the PCA stipend must be returned by recipient to the PCA Treasurer/PCA Jr. Ed. Fund within 30 days of the show(s). (Priority mail with delivery of confirmation/tracking is recommended.)

****Additional mandatory requirements for Westminster and AKC National Championship**

- **Monies only awarded for those qualifying in the calendar year prior to the attendance of the Westminster Kennel Club and/or AKC National Championship Dog Shows.
- **Junior has fulfilled the requirements to participate in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the Westminster Kennel Club and/or the AKC National Championship Dog Shows with their Poodle.
- **Junior Showmanship entry with noted requirements is submitted and accepted to Westminster Kennel Club and/or AKC National Championship Dog Shows.
- **Acknowledgement of show entry will be photocopied and forwarded to the PCA Junior Education Committee Chairperson. If Junior is less than 18 years of age, name and address of parent/guardian must be included as check will be issued in his/her name. Junior will receive the stipend within 15 days of the Jr Ed Chair sending information to the PCA Treasurer. This will be PRIOR to the date of the show(s), if at all possible.
- **Should the junior be unable to attend, the stipend monies must be returned by recipient to the PCA Treasurer/PCA Jr. Ed. Fund within 30 days of the show(s). (Priority mail with delivery confirmation/tracking is recommended.)

**Junior may qualify for both a Westminster Kennel Club and AKC National Championship Dog Shows stipend (\$600 total) during the same year.

Deadline Dates for stipend request application (no exceptions):

AKC National Championship Dog Show- November 1st
Westminster Kennel Club- December 1st
Poodle Club of America National Specialty - March 1st