

Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Lewis Scholarship

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The RISPICA Lewis Scholarship recognizes the efforts of graduating seniors who have made significant contributions toward the betterment of life for animals. Through its Humane Education program, law enforcement powers, and daily operations the RISPICA strives to promote the humane treatment of all animals. The goal of the Lewis Scholarship is to reward the efforts of young adults who show compassion and selflessness toward animals, despite personal hardship.

Lewis is a pitbull who was abandoned at the RISPICA as a puppy. Because of his breed, start in life, and other variables beyond his control, Lewis was passed over by many families who were looking for a “better” dog. Lewis was eventually given a chance and adopted into a loving home by someone who looked beyond his exterior and saw a wonderful soul. In honor of Lewis, the RISPICA would like to help someone in a parallel situation achieve a second chance through higher education.

In honor of Lewis, the RISPICA will award \$1000 each to two graduating seniors. This scholarship is intended to recognize young adults who have faced difficulties in life, yet have gone on to promote humane treatment of animals or the betterment of animal life. This scholarship is renewable for a second year, if the student is able to demonstrate continued promotion of humane treatment of animals or the betterment of animal life.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- 🐾 Must be a graduating senior who is a Rhode Island resident and currently enrolled in a Rhode Island high school
- 🐾 Must have applied to at least one four-year, accredited college or university
- 🐾 Must have maintained at least an overall B average
- 🐾 Must demonstrate significant contribution to animal welfare, humane education, etc.
- 🐾 Must demonstrate overcoming difficulty, hardship, discrimination, etc.

Checklist

- Completed scholarship application
- High school transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
 - At least one must be from a teacher
 - No family members

Deadline: April 15

RISPCA LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type or print in blue or black ink)

I. Applicant Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ School Name: _____

II. Parent / Guardian Information:

(Mr. Mrs. Ms) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Mailing Address (if different from applicant): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Occupation: _____ Gross yearly income: _____

(Mr. Mrs. Ms) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Mailing Address (if different from applicant): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Occupation: _____ Gross yearly income: _____

III. References

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____ Yrs known: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____ Yrs known: _____

IV. Educational Plans:

Planned course of study: _____

Career goals: _____

Colleges / Universities applied to:	Accepted <small>(yes / no / unknown)</small>	Waiting List <small>(check)</small>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Should you be awarded the scholarship, proof of your enrollment will be required before an award check can be issued. The check will be made payable to the school where you have officially enrolled.

V. ESSAY

In 500 words or less describe your contribution to animal welfare, how your contribution has improved the lives of animals, and how your contribution has affected your own life. Also describe the adversity or hardship you faced, how you overcame it, and how it changed your life. Essay must be typed and double spaced.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please include copies of any demonstrations of animal welfare related achievement that qualify you for this scholarship (e.g.: newspaper clippings, awards, certificates, etc.). Also, include copies of any demonstrations of hardship that qualify you for this scholarship (e.g.: financial statements, physician’s letter, etc). Please describe any additional activities, awards, volunteer history, employment, etc. that you believe qualify you for this scholarship. Do not include any originals as they will not be returned to you.

VII. SIGNATURES

I hereby declare the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Return completed application by April 15th to:
RISPCA – Lewis Scholarship
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