



# Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

## Lewis Scholarship

### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The RISPCA 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 RISPCA 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 the pit bull was abandoned at the RISPCA 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 to adopt. Lewis was eventually given a second chance and adopted into a loving home by someone who looked beyond his exterior and saw a wonderful soul. In honor of Lewis, the RISPCA would like to help someone in a parallel situation achieve a second chance through higher education.

The RISPCA will award scholarships to 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
  - One must be from a teacher
  - No family members please

**Deadline: April 19, 2020**



## RISPCA LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### 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 Waiting List	
	(yes / no / unknown)	(check)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 19<sup>th</sup> to:**  
Rhode Island SPCA Humane Education Department  
186 Amaral St Riverside, RI 02915