



Kevin Armstrong Scholarship

In 2005, Kevin Armstrong left a bequest of \$10,000 to the OHTA for "scholarships to assist promising young riders". We know that the membership of the OHTA appreciate this generous gesture very much and we propose to use this money in a way that respects and acknowledges Mr. Armstrong's intent. After careful consideration, the OHTA has decided to dedicate the money to the Ontario Young Riders Program. The 2007 Young Riders Program has been expanded to encompass a broader base of young riders and therefore we believe it is inclusive enough to meet the intent of the bequest.

The Young Riders Program will offer 2 annual scholarships: one for a Training level rider, and one for a Pre-Training level rider. Each scholarship will be awarded to the person selected as Team Groom and Assistant to the Chef D'Equipe: at the North American Junior Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) in the case of the Training level rider; and at the Training Three Day Event in the case of the Pre-Training level rider. The scholarship will be used to defray the trip expenses. The young people selected for these scholarships will be part of a team and will experience first hand the hard work and dedication that it takes to attain higher levels of competitiveness. They will gain exposure to international team competition while working under an experienced coach, vet and riders. This is not available through any other program or bursary. Each scholarship recipient will be awarded \$1000. This amount will allow the scholarship to be active for 6 years.

Interested members of the Young Riders Program will be invited to apply through a questionnaire. The Young Riders Committee of the OHTA will be responsible for the selection. The OHTA Board of Directors will approve the final selection. The selection will be based on:

1. Competitive Attitude (75%):

- Attendance at seminars
- Sportsmanlike conduct
- Participation in Young Riders Events
- Fundraising Activity

2. Competitive Results (25%):

- Potential for NAJYRC

Mr. Armstrong's bequest will help riders deepen their education about the sport of Eventing and will provide great opportunities to discover where their riding might lead them.