



Online Certificate Academy Scholarship

In Honor of Ms. Milissa Finnegan, RVT

Information, Criteria and Application Form

AAEVT member, Milissa Finnegan RVT, passed away suddenly in December 2008. She was enrolled in the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy and she had just returned from her first AAEP Convention. Due to her untimely passing, Milissa was unable to complete the few remaining courses to fulfill her professional goal of earning this Certificate. It meant a great deal to her and to honor her commitment, the AAEVT presented Dr. Strickland, her employer and AAEP member, her Certificate of Completion which he presented to her family at her memorial. Milissa leaves behind a husband and daughter, and the many horses and animals, which were touched by her kindness and compassion.

The intent of this scholarship: At the suggestion of Milissa Finnegan's family and employer, the AAEVT has established this scholarship for those who are enrolled in the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy. The scholarship is intended to assist veterinary technicians, assistants, practice managers, and students who are employed by a licensed Veterinarian or enrolled in an AVMA/ CVMA accredited Veterinary Technology Program, in being able to enroll in the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy, as well as complete the courses or attend the required AAEVT Regional Symposium and wet lab to complete the program.

Twice a year - in the Spring and in the Fall - the AAEVT will accept applications for consideration and make a distribution from the Milissa Finnegan Scholarship fund. The scholarship will be funded by the proceeds from our silent auctions and raffles held at our regional meetings and at the AAEP/AAEVT Annual Convention. A maximum of (1) one scholarship for a total value of \$500.00 may be awarded twice each year. (The AAEVT reserves the right to award less than \$500.00 based on available funds.)

Criteria: Scholarships will be awarded by a selection panel, which will consist of the AAEVT Executive Board and Regional Contacts.

1. The scholarship may be awarded to **current AAEVT members who are, at the time of application, enrolled in the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy.**
2. The scholarship is intended to go towards meeting such costs as course fees, textbooks or any associated travel or subsistence expenses with attending the required AAEVT Regional Event.
3. Closing dates for the applications are **April 1st and October 1st**. Notifications will be made 30 days after the deadlines by the AAEVT Immediate Past President via phone call, followed by an official award letter.
4. A successful applicant will be expected to complete the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy program, including all studies and training, or other purpose, for which the scholarship is awarded. If the successful candidate does not use the scholarship monies for the purpose intended, he/she will repay all monies to AAEVT or such proportion as the panel may determine.
5. Each recipient of a scholarship shall make a brief report to the panel at the conclusion of the studies/training for which the scholarship has been awarded. This shall be submitted to and in care of the presiding President of the AAEVT within 30 days of completion of program/ studies.
6. Scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants at the AAEP/AAEVT Annual Convention. Attendance at the awards Ceremony is not mandatory in order to receive the scholarship, however is encouraged. If applicant is not able to attend, the Scholarship payment in the form of a check and will be sent mid-May and mid-December.

All AAEVT members that meet the following eligibility requirements may apply for the scholarship.

- Applicants must be current AAEVT members in good standing and **currently enrolled in the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy** at the time of application.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Spring Scholarship applications must be received no later than **April 1.**

Fall Scholarship applications must be received no later than **October 1.**

Complete application packages shall include:

1. **Completed application form** below.
2. **Resume** including previous and current employment, with dates, giving brief details of job titles and duties, including names of organization, association or practice address.
3. **Short essay** describing why this scholarship is important to you in furthering your educational career, what your career goals are, and why horses have made an impact on your life.
4. **Overview** of your current progress through the AAEVT Online Certificate Academy, including enrollment date, list of completed modules, the Regional meeting you plan to attend, and (if applicable) what benefits the online program has provided.
5. **Letter of recommendation** (minimum of one) from an active member of the AAEVT or AAEP, stating why they feel you will benefit from this scholarship.

APPLICATION FOR THE FINNIGAN ONLINE CERTIFICATE SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Practice Name or
Place of Employment: _____

Date of Birth: _____

AAEVT Membership No.: _____

Designation, if applicable (RVT,
CVT, LVT, other): _____

States in which accredited: _____

Expected date of graduation (if
student): _____

School: _____

Name of Director: _____

Please circle one: I am / I am not able to attend the AAEVT Annual Convention.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return this form via email or fax, along with all required documentation and information, to:

AAEVT Immediate Past President, Nicole Bone

Subject: AAEVT Online Certificate Academy Scholarship

Email: boneaaevt@gmail.com

Fax: (760) 301-0349

DEADLINES:

Spring Deadline - Complete Application Package must be received by April 1.

Fall Deadline - Complete Application Package must be received by October 1.