

## **Forbes Beginner Polo Scholarship**

### **Overview:**

The Forbes Beginner Polo Scholarship was created to assist students who are learning polo and have financial need.

### **Background:**

After becoming passionate about horses and riding while in Charlottesville, but with no equestrian experience whatsoever, David Forbes decided to get serious about polo the summer before his fourth year. During that summer, David worked three days a week as a stable-hand/groom while also interning at a law firm. At the barn, David worked hard and learned a lot about horses, their care, and running a spotless barn. With a used pair of boots and a polo helmet given to him, David joined Virginia Polo and made the Junior Varsity team his fourth year.

Polo was the most exciting sport he had ever played, and his year revolved around it. David made very good friends and truly appreciated the experience offered to him by Virginia Polo and the alumni that support it. It truly changed his life, and he would like to help other students enjoy the same experience.

### **The Scholarship:**

The scholarship is a \$500 per semester scholarship, to be awarded each semester, for a passionate Virginia Polo club member who meets the following conditions:

1. Preference given to those new to the sport of polo
2. The member must be in need of the financial assistance
3. The member must be willing to take on additional duties, at the club manager's direction, than performed by other club members

### **Award Process:**

The Scholarship will be awarded every year via the following process:

1. Virginia Polo will inform new club members of the scholarship.
2. Members who wish to apply for the scholarship must submit a few paragraphs that answer the following questions:
  - Why do you want to play polo?
  - What is your experience with horses?
  - What extra duties/responsibility will you take on at Virginia Polo?
3. Applicants must submit applications to Jenny ([jenny@vapolo.org](mailto:jenny@vapolo.org)) at the beginning of each semester.
4. Applicants must successfully complete the Boot Camp program.
5. Virginia Polo will meet with Mr. Forbes to determine the scholarship recipient.
6. Mr. Forbes will send a \$500 check to the Virginia Polo Fund, funds will then be awarded to the student by Virginia Polo.

## **Forbes Beginner Polo Scholarship Application**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Expected Graduation Year:**

- 1. Why do you want to play polo?**
- 2. What is your experience with horses?**
- 3. What extra duties/responsibility will you take on at Virginia Polo?**