

Missy's H.E.A.R.T.
Helping Every Animal Receive Treatment
Veterinary Scholarship Program
Community-Driven Animal Care



Coffey's Veterinary Center is proud to help facilitate the future of our community's animal care by supporting our future veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary assistants through our community-driven Missy's HEART program. This merit-based \$500.00 scholarship is available to high-school seniors seeking to enter the field of veterinary medicine. To apply, please fill out the form below and submit your essay and letter of recommendation.

Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____ GPA: _____

Field of Study (*circle one*): Pre-Vet / Vet Tech / Vet Assistant

School/Program: _____

School/Program Contact Info: _____
Phone email

Have you already been accepted? YES / NO

What most excites/interests you about your chosen field of study?

Which STEM class at school has most prepared you for your chosen field of study and why?

Which non-STEM class at school has most prepared you for your chosen field of study and why?

Please list any extracurricular activities you participated in at school.

Please list any extracurricular activities you participated in outside of school. This can include church activities, scout activities, volunteer work, or employment.

How would this scholarship assist you in your studies?

Choose one of the following prompts and write a 500-1000 word essay. These prompts are NOT intended to gauge knowledge of veterinary medicine or practices, but rather reasoning and communication skills. Attach a typed page with your essay at the end of this application. Be sure to indicate your choice of prompt.

1 – You are tasked with helping diagnose a dog that is vomiting. There are several diagnostic tests at your disposal. You can palpate/feel the dog’s stomach to assess pain or feel for an intestinal blockage. You can draw some blood for analysis of kidney, liver, or blood cell function. You can take a fecal sample to test for the presence of parasites or certain viruses. You can take an X-ray of the inside of the patient. All of these diagnostic tests are appropriate, but what order would you recommend for these tests? Explain your reasoning.

2 – You are tasked with answering the phone of a veterinary office. A woman calls in with a cat that “isn’t acting quite right” and wants an immediate appointment. What questions would you ask her in order to find out more information and gauge whether she has an emergency? What order would you ask the questions? Explain your reasoning behind the questions you plan to ask.

3 – You are tasked with creating a treatment plan for a dog with mobility issues in his back end. The owner has a limited budget of \$300, but does not want his dog to be in pain. You have several options. You could prescribe daily anti-inflammatory pain pills for \$50 per month which would alleviate 75% of the pet’s pain with a 100% success rate. You could recommend a \$200 surgery on the joints of the back legs which would alleviate 90% of the pet’s pain with an 85% success rate. You could recommend a \$300 experimental new procedure that would alleviate 100% of the pet’s pain with a 75% success rate. Which treatment plan would you recommend to the owner? Explain your reasoning.

This application requires a brief letter of recommendation from a teacher, club/activity leader, or counselor. Please indicate below who is writing your letter and provide their contact information.

Writer's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Writer's Title/ Relationship to applicant: _____

In the letter, the writer should address the following:

- Applicant's academic merit
- Applicant's motivation/drive
- Applicant's ability to complete tasks
- Applicant's attitude
- Applicant's ability to work as a team member
- Applicant's problem-solving skills
- Applicant's resiliency

Please request that the letter writer sign and date their letter of recommendation. Writers can either submit their letter separately by the application's due date or it can be submitted as an attachment at the end of this packet.