



# UCAT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



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The focus of this sponsorship is on the Purebred Akhal-Teke horse, to expose and refine the talent and raise the visibility of the breed to the equine public and gain new breed stewards via competitions and high-profile exhibitions showing off the Akhal-Teke.

Sponsorship seed money has been donated by the Whittier Foundation through the Equus Survival Trust. Sponsorships for UCAT (Up and Coming Akhal-Tekes) will be awarded to competitors with purebred AT horses in sponsorship amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000. Total amount of the Sponsorship program as of 6/1/2021 = \$31,800

Applications will be accepted starting June 1st, 2021. Decisions will be made on ongoing basis, *first come first served*, through October 31st, 2022.

### What:

-Sponsorships amount range may vary as horses in higher profile competitions/exhibitions will have higher expenses.

-Minimum of 5 capable riders and 5 trained horses

-Disciplines - Eventing, Endurance, Stadium Jumping, Dressage, other disciplines decided by committee.

-Exhibition Event - one high profile exhibition is allowed but the event must be committee approved.

### Who:

To be eligible to apply for a sponsorship, one must:

- Have been an ATAA Member for at least 6 months prior to applying for grant, either a Lifetime Member, an Individual Member or Ranch Member (or be listed as part of the Ranch Membership)
- Have a purebred, ATAA registered horse, VNIIC registration is a plus. Leased horses, with a contract from owner/agent are allowed.
- If applicant is/was an ATAA/EST BOD member or family member, that member can be part of the selection discussion but must abstain from voting on that applicant.
- If a horse has been bred by or previously owned by an ATAA/EST member, that member can be part of the selection discussion but must abstain from voting on that applicant.



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- **Substitutions:** Selection by ATAA Sponsorship Committee with final approval from EST Board. Substitutions are allowed (of horse or rider) if unforeseen circumstances arise. Substitutes must also go through the same application and approval process for transfer of the remaining sponsorship funds.

### Obligations of Recipients:

- Sponsorship funds may be spent on entry/exhibition fees, grounds/office fees, drug test fees, stalls, tack stalls, organizational memberships such as USEF, USDA, AERC, braiding fees, shavings at show.
- Sponsorship funds may NOT be spent on person's travel expenses (hotel/gas/food), clinics, lessons, coaching at a show or grooming at a show (braiding is ok).
- Recipients will be provided with a stall plate and various promotional items from the ATAA for the Akhal-Teke or competitor to wear and exhibit at all events.
- Recipients are expected to write articles or provide text and copyright free photos and may be asked to send in a general accounting of the sponsorship's money to the Sponsorship Committee within 2 weeks of each event.

### Disbursement of funds:

- Sponsorships will be awarded by merit on a *first come, first serve* basis based upon the recommendation of the committee and approval of the ATAA Board and final approval by the EST Board.
- Sponsorship amounts range from \$500 to \$5000; Recipients will receive a lump sum for each calendar year to allow them to pay for their events in advance.
- A 15% hold back of the awarded sponsorship will be retained by the ATAA and released to the recipient after the ATAA Sponsorship Committee has is provided satisfactory proof that the recipient has completed all requirements for the program and competitions have concluded.
- If more than 10% of the funds awarded are unused at the end of the recipient's event season (or more than \$100, whichever is great) said funds must be returned to the program.

If you agree to all the above, please fill out the following forms to apply:

- Application (one per horse/rider)
- Projected calendar of events