

DESCRIPTION:

During the 2019 DockDogs® Rules Committee meeting, the Youth Recognition Awards Committee was established to recognize youth handlers.

These Awards will be presented as follows:

- “Outstanding Youth”, age 12 and under
 - This award will be presented at golden paws gala. Winner will receive \$500 (non-expiring) DockDogs Credits.
- “Outstanding Teen”, age 13-18.
 - This award will be presented at golden paws gala. Winner will receive \$1,000 scholarship.

Ages will be as of the close of the DockDogs season.

ELIGIBILITY:

Awards are open to all DockDogs handlers that meet the age criteria.

These awards will be presented to outstanding, well-rounded handlers (Not necessarily merit, or the handler with the biggest jumping dog). Youth and Teens will be expected to fill out an application, attach letters of recommendation.

The Youth Recognition Committee will then review the applications and determine the winners.

AWARDS:

Outstanding Youth award recipient will receive their credits within 90 days of receipt of the award.

Outstanding Teen monies will be held until the winner can provide proof of continuing education.

Educational Institutions Accepted:

- Universities
- Colleges
- Business schools
- Technical schools
- Trade schools
- Vocational schools.
- Continued education for mentally challenged individuals will be case handled.

Use of Funds:

Funds will be managed by the YOUTH RECOGNITION COMMITTEE AND THE B.A.A.R.K. FOUNDATION. Funds cannot be used before High School Graduation.

Tuition Disbursement will be paid directly to the Education Institution.

Funds must be requested through the YOUTH RECOGNITION COMMITTEE.

Can be used for:

- A current or upcoming semester
- Former semester upon proof the bill is still outstanding to the school.

Necessary Purchases: Funds will go directly to the school for purchases through the campus bookstore. Off campus purchases can be reimbursed, with appropriate paperwork.

- Textbooks

· Required class supplies Equipment necessary for the completion of a course or program, which may be a computer.

Expiration:

- Outstanding Youth: No expiration of credits
- Outstanding Teen: Expires after 5 years. (For example, if awarded in 2020, The award will expire Dec 31, 2025) Allowances may be made if the recipient contacts the Youth Recognition board.
 - Expired scholarships will be donated to BAARK Foundation in the winner's name.
 - In the event that the recipient is removed from the DockDogs® organization, this will also result in forfeiture, and will be donated to the BAARK Foundation.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the awards are being pushed to the 2021 DockDogs® World Championships to raise the necessary funds. Any Youth Handlers that participated during 2020 and/or 2021 will be eligible to apply. The Awards will be based on their overall accomplishments on and off the Dock. The Youth Recognition Application will be posted on the DockDogs ® website by November 1, 2020.