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1 Executive Summary

The ASCA Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, and for purposes of prevention of cruelty to animals. Such purposes include the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Foundation's purposes include but are not limited to granting educational scholarships and promoting the health and welfare of the Australian Shepherd dog.

Funding is tax-deductible and may be restricted to specific uses. The Foundation is under obligation to distribute these funds. Contributions of \$250 or more require a written substantiation of the gift to be given to the contributor.

Funds are to be distributed on a true charitable basis in furtherance of the Club's goals as outlined in the Club's mission statement. The Foundation is not limited to distributing funds to a 501(c)(3) organization; it only needs to distribute the funds in furtherance of its charitable purposes as set forth in the Application for Exemption.

Organizations or individuals who wish to apply for a Foundation grant must apply by contacting the Business Office for an application. Upon receipt of the completed application and supporting materials, the Foundation Board of Directors will vote to approve or deny the grant request.

2 Governance

The ASCA Foundation is governed by the ASCA Board of Directors, who in turn is appointed to the Foundation Board. Its activities may be advised by appointed parties or Committees, but its actions are to be voted on and ratified by the Foundation Board.

3 Restricted Funds

The following categories are permanently held for dedicated use as noted by the donors.

1. Epilepsy research
2. Cancer research

3.1 Creating/Approving New Restricted Funds

The ASCA Foundation Board of Directors, may, at any time, create new restricted funds via an approved motion reflected in the minutes.

4 Distribution

Funds in the ASCA Foundation, whether special earmarks or not, are available by application in the form of a grant. Applications are available from the Business Office and on the ASCA Website.

4.1 Applications

The form instructions are as follows. Please supply the following information as applicable:

- A. Significance of research as it applies to the Australian Shepherd breed.
 1. Background of research and preliminary work
 2. Specific objectives to be performed within the grant time frame that relates to the Australian Shepherd breed
 3. Description of research design, methods, and/or tools
- B. Expected outcomes and or potential application(s) to the Australian Shepherd breed.
- C. Anticipated problems or obstacles.

- D. Biographies, specific role on the proposed project for the principal investigator, co-investigators, or staff/students.
- E. References, including relevant publications of the principal investigator, co-investigators, or staff/students.
- F. Budget estimates for this study (budget should include the following categories as appropriate):
 - 1. Salary
 - 2. Supplies and reagents
 - 3. Clinical tests on dogs
 - 4. Microarray costs per sample/dog
 - 5. Office supplies, publication preparation
 - 6. Travel to dog shows to collect samples
 - 7. Specific and total costs to dog owners participating in the research
 - 8. Project timeline with dates for specific objectives to be completed

4.2 Selection

Selection should be determined by the Foundation Board of Directors based on the likelihood of success of the project, impact on the Australian Shepherd, and demonstrated need.

4.3 Distribution

Once a motion reflecting approval of the grant mentioning the grantee's name, organization, and the monetary amount is recorded within the Foundation minutes, the Business Office will contact the grantee for payment information and remit the funds awarded.

5 Established Funds

5.1 Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship Fund

The Cee Hambo Educational Scholarship is a scholarship granted by the ASCA Foundation. Its intent is to provide scholarship funds to individuals with a background in Australian Shepherds seeking to extend their education beyond high school (this applies to college or trade/craft school). The fund was originally established in honor of the late Cee Hambo (45 Ranch). The vision of this fund is to develop assets so that individuals will be funded for the duration of their schooling.

5.1.1 DONATIONS

The scholarship fund was created exclusively to make distributions to educational organizations that qualify as tax-exempt organizations. Its purpose is to provide scholarship funds for individuals to pay for post-high school advanced education, including college and trade schools.

The Foundation Board of Directors may receive and accept property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, or devise, from any person, firm, trust, or corporation, to be held, administered, and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of this document; but no gift, bequest, or devise of any such property shall be received or accepted if it is conditioned in any such manner.

5.1.2 APPLICANTS

Individuals who are eligible to have funds paid from the scholarship fund on their behalf to educational institutions must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Not exceeded the age of twenty-five on the date the application is received
- 2. Obtained the grade of sophomore in high school or equivalent
- 3. Been associated with raising, handling, caring for, and/or showing Australian Shepherd dogs
- 4. Demonstrated their accomplishments, awards, and activities associated with Australian Shepherds

The application form is available on the ASCA Website and must be provided to the Executive Secretary by August 15 to be considered for that year's award. The following must be included with the application:

1. Personal essay of not more than one thousand words detailing experience with the Australian Shepherd breed and future goals requiring education
2. Copy of transcripts and statement of educational experience of not more than two hundred and fifty words

5.1.3 SELECTION

The Foundation Board will establish a Committee, consisting of at least one of its Directors, together with outside interested parties. Priority in appointment is given to academic educators and long-standing and active members of ASCA. This Committee will screen all applications and recommend qualified individuals to the Board for awards in the amounts established by the Board for that year.

In no event will any individual on the Committee participate in the decision-making process if an applicant is related to that individual. If an applicant is related to a Director of the Foundation, that Director will recuse themselves from any activities or decisions in connection therewith.

The Foundation Board may establish other specific criteria for applications or may make any such additional restrictions and conditions as it deems necessary, but in no event should any of the conditions contained herein be abrogated.

Priority in selection will be weighted as follows:

1. Impact on the breed and activities within the ASCA community: 50%
2. Academic achievement: 20%
3. General competency as displayed in application: 20%
4. Demonstrated need: 10%

5.1.4 DISTRIBUTION

The Foundation Board will act on the Committee's recommendations, awarding scholarships at least once every two years. The funds will be awarded in **\$500** increments and must go directly to the educational institution, and not to the applicant.

Income or principal derived from contributions by corporations will be distributed by the Board for use solely within the United States or its possessions. Funds can only be distributed after a vote of the Board, as reflected in its meeting minutes.

The Executive Secretary will collect applications year-round and forward them to the Selection Committee, which will make the official decision one month before the National Specialty. The recipient(s) will be announced at the National Specialty.

5.2 Rescue Grants

Thanks to a generous donation to the ASCA Foundation with funds marked for rescue, from the estate of Susan Youngblood, grants are now available to eligible rescue organizations.

The funds will be granted in **\$500** increments, to 501(c)(3) organizations that rescue primarily Australian Shepherds. Each organization can receive one grant per calendar year. Applications are available on the ASCA Website.

5.2.1 SELECTION

The Foundation Board of Directors will establish a committee consisting of at least three of its Directors to review all rescue grant applications. The Committee will have sixty days in which to make a recommendation on the grant to the Board.

5.2.2 DISTRIBUTION

Once a motion reflecting approval of the grant, mentioning the grantee's name, organization, and the monetary amount is recorded within the Foundation minutes, the Business Office will remit the funds awarded.

5.3 Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award

The Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award rewards junior handler participation in the ASCA obedience program with an annual year-end award of **\$500**.

5.3.1 BACKGROUND

Donna Long was a very private person and was known on social media as “Libby” Long, having borrowed the name Libby from her long-time obedience partner OTCH 2, A-CH TriSmith’s Liberty Bell UDX, RNX. Donna and Libby were fierce competitors. The pair qualified for finals in all four obedience categories as well as in altered. In addition to her passion for obedience, Donna was an ardent supporter of juniors both as a mentor and a sponsor. Donna lost Libby in May of 2019 and the ASCA obedience community lost Donna in August of that same year. To honor the memory of Donna Long and Libby, the award has been established in their names.

5.3.2 MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Libby Long Memorial Obedience Award is to celebrate the accomplishments of our next generation of obedience competitors and encourage junior handlers to participate in ASCA obedience events.

5.3.3 ADMINISTRATION

A permanent sub-committee of the Obedience Committee has been established for the purpose of selecting the recipient of the award. The sub-committee is comprised of three voting members (a sub-committee chair representing region 1 with a strong background in ASCA obedience, the Obedience Committee Chair, and a member at large with experience in the ASCA junior program) and the Board Liaison to the Obedience Committee as a non-voting member.

5.3.4 FUNDING

With an initial deposit of \$2,500, the award is funded through 2025. A minimum of one annual fundraiser will be held to replenish the annual award. Additionally, the fund will accept individual contributions through the Foundation. If by 2025, the balance in the fund has exceeded \$5,000, an additional award of \$250 may be given or, the award amount may be increased. Any decision to increase the amount or number of awards can be made by majority approval of the Award Committee.

5.3.5 ELIGIBILITY

Open to all junior handlers, in good standing with ASCA, between the ages of 9 and 18, who have competed in ASCA obedience events between June 1 and May 31 of the year in which the application is to be considered. Applicants must provide verification of enrollment in, or graduation from an accredited public, private, online, or home school program.

5.3.6 CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated using a point schedule and points will be awarded based on degree and level of participation in ASCA obedience events. Categories to be evaluated include achievement in ASCA obedience competitions, general participation in obedience, and academic proficiency. Applicants will submit a written essay to be assessed by a committee of no less than three members. Verification (if required) must include the signature of a parent, instructor, trial secretary, or 4-H Leader.

5.3.7 APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must provide a record of their obedience participation for each year (June 1-May 31), a completed application form with verification where appropriate, copies of all ASCA obedience title certificates, and a written essay of five hundred words. Applications will be accepted from June 1-July 15 each year. The award recipient will be notified by mail and the award will be presented at the annual awards banquet coinciding with the ASCA National Specialty each year.

5.3.8 POINTS

Points for Achievement in ASCA Obedience Competition	
Competing in an ASCA Obedience class with a non-qualifying score	5 points
Competing in an ASCA Obedience class with a qualifying score	10 points
High Scoring Junior, High Point Award	20 points
High in Trial, High Combined	25 points
BN title completion	25 points
CD, GN title completion	25 points
CDX/ODX title completion	30 points
UD title completion	50 points
UDX leg	75 points
Qualifying scores in Open B and Utility B at the same trial	75 points
UDX title completion	250 points
OTCH title completion	250 points
Points for General Participation in Obedience	
Verified participation in county or state 4-H dog obedience*	10 points
Verified enrollment in obedience training classes	10 points
Verified ring stewarding assignment at an ASCA obedience trial	10 points
Points for Academic Proficiency	
Verified enrollment in, or graduation from an accredited public, private, online, or home school program	10 points
Applicants must submit a written essay of five hundred words. Essays will be assessed based on organization, content, and conventions (spelling, punctuation, and grammar)	0-50 points

**For many junior handlers, particularly those in rural communities or those with financial limitations, 4-H provides an opportunity that might not otherwise be available. Many juniors start in 4-H and then move on to other more competitive venues such as ASCA. In keeping with the purpose of this award, encouraging the next generation of obedience and rally competitors, the committee agrees it is important to recognize participation in dog 4-H.*

5.3.9 ESSAY CRITERIA AND SCORING GUIDE

All applicants will submit a typed essay, double-spaced using a twelve-point font. Elementary school-aged applicants will submit a three-paragraph essay of no more than five hundred words. Middle and high school-aged applicants will submit an essay of no less than five hundred words.

2022 Essay Topic: Describe the qualities you want in your ideal obedience dog (personality, temperament, structure, etc.) and explain why they are important to you.

Scoring Guide:

Score	Content	Organization	Conventions
5	The essay shows an interesting, original, descriptive, and insightful approach to the topic	The essay has a compelling introduction, body, and conclusion. The main ideas are clearly stated and well developed with examples that enhance the reader's understanding	There are no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar
4	Original and interesting approach to the topic	The essay has a clear beginning, middle, and end. The main ideas are clearly stated and supported	Occasional errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar
3	Original but may not relate to the topic or is less than interesting	The essay may be lacking a clear introduction or conclusion. Main ideas may not be well supported	Frequent errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar do not impede readability
2	The essay shows some evidence of original ideas but lacks a meaningful connection to the topic	The essay has little organizational structure. The main ideas are unclear or unrelated to the topic	Errors in conventions begin to impede readability
1	The essay is too short to score	The essay is too short to score	The essay is too short to score, or errors are so numerous they interfere with readability

5.4 Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award

The Ernest Hartnagle Memorial Icon Award is administered by the ASCA Foundation and presented each year to individuals, clubs, or other entities which exemplify efforts toward the preservation of the Australian Shepherd. Multiple awards can be given each year. The award will be presented annually at the ASCA National Specialty banquet to deserving recipients.

The fund was originally established in honor of the late Ernest Hartnagle, after whom the award is named. Its intent is to provide recognition in honor of individuals, clubs, or other entities which have dedicated part of their lives to preserving the history of the breed, mentoring others, and/or sharing the rich history that demonstrates the value of our wonderful breed.

5.4.1 DONATIONS

Donations to the fund are encouraged to preserve Mr. Hartnagle's memory and to support the award so that it can be presented each year to deserving individuals or clubs. This award is intended to carry on Mr. Hartnagle's dedication to breed preservation through these very same efforts.

The Foundation Board of Directors may receive and accept property, whether real, personal, or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, or devise, from any person, firm, trust, or corporation, to be held, administered, and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of this document; but no gift, bequest, or devise of any such property shall be received or accepted if it is conditioned in any such manner.

5.4.2 CRITERIA

The nominations must be made on the official nomination form available on the ASCA Website. A detailed letter of recommendation from one to three individuals stating why this nominee is deserving of this award must be included with the nomination form. Copies of their product (i.e., articles, web address, list of club activities, publications, etc.) can be included as an example of their contribution.

Nominations are collected year-round but must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than July 31 each year for consideration during that year.

5.4.3 APPLICANT CRITERIA

The recipient(s) of the award and their efforts to be recognized must possess one or more of the following features/criteria:

1. Helped in some way to help preserve the Australian Shepherd breed as it was intended through any variety of actions or deeds
2. Produced, shared, or distributed educational material, historical references, and knowledge to promote the Australian Shepherd
3. Increased awareness and education regarding the Australian Shepherd via a book, video, website, teaching/lectures, blog site, podcast, or any other medium valuable for sharing information about the breed
4. Provided mentorship to an individual, club, organization, or the like, through a variety of actions or deeds with the intention of maintaining a future for the Australian Shepherd

5.4.4 SELECTION

Nominations will be by nomination form and letter of recommendation being sent to the Executive Secretary who will maintain a file of the nominations and provide them to the Selection Committee. The deadline to submit nominations each year is July 31. The selection committee will review nominees based on the criteria above and will forward their recommendations to the Foundation Board each year by August 31. The award can go to multiple nominees each year.

In no event will any individual on the Selection Committee participate in the decision-making process if a nominee is related to that individual. If a nominee is related to a Director of the Foundation, that Director will recuse themselves from any activities or decisions in connection therewith. If a member of the selection committee is nominated, their nomination will be considered. However, that individual will be excluded from the selection process.

The Foundation Board will act on the Committee's recommendations, as sent through the Committee's Liaison at a teleconference meeting prior to the National Specialty each year. The Executive Secretary will notify the recipient within seven days and coordinate with the Nationals Committee for the award presentation at the National Specialty banquet.

Funds used to support the award can only be distributed after a vote of the Foundation Board, as reflected in its meeting minutes.

5.4.5 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Selection Committee is to meet annually online to review the nominations and select the recipients for this award. The Committee may also develop and conduct fundraising activities to support the award.

5.4.6 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be at large and will not use regional membership. The initial committee will remain the official committee for as long as they wish to serve. They do not need to be approved every two years.

Membership will continue unless a member is inactive (doesn't participate in the annual applicant approval process) or if they resign with an email or letter to the Foundation Board.

The ideal size of the committee going forward will be five members. When the number of the initial committee diminishes to 4, the Foundation Board will seek new committee members by notifying ASCA members of an opening. Those applying to be members will have eight years of ASCA membership.

Priority will be given to past award recipients should they apply.

5.4.7 AWARD DETAILS

What will the award be?

1. A specially designed lapel/hat pin that the recipient can wear
2. A Spider Web scroll
3. A certificate in the form of a letter to the recipient
4. A nameplate for the recipient on a fixed trophy/wall plaque or monument located at the ASCA Business Office (TBD)

Why is the award important? Please read the biography of this wonderful man! ASCA would like to honor Ernest Hartnagle and encourage others to follow his mission.

Ernest Jacob Hartnagle 08/27/1925 – 05/19/2019

As founding members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), the Hartnagles played an outsized role in the breed's development and growth. Ernie served on the ASCA Board of Directors, then took the role of club president from 1976 to 1978. He helped create the club's stockdog program and the entire family helped draft the original breed standard, the "blueprint" for the ideal Australian Shepherd dog.

The family's pioneering activities helped popularize the Australian Shepherd, now ranked among the 20 most popular breeds in America. ASCA recognizes Hartnagle's Las Rocosa Australian Shepherds as its No. 1 Hall of Fame Kennel and No. 1 Hall of Fame Excellent Kennel.

A Colorado native, Ernie grew up in the Boulder Valley on his family's 90-acre farm. During World War II, he proudly served for two-and-a-half years in the Navy's 7th Fleet until the end of the war. Deployed in the Pacific, he earned the Philippine Liberation Medal for his role in emancipating the nation's citizens from Japanese rule.

At age 20, Ernie returned from the war. His father had died while Ernie was overseas and he took on the responsibility of managing the family farm and supporting his mother, two younger brothers, and sister. He supplemented the farm's income by working for his uncle as a cowboy, trailing cattle on the steep slopes of the Gore Range, on land that is now the Vail Ski Resort. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in agriculture. Ernie's bachelorhood ended shortly after meeting Elaine Gibson, the daughter of a pioneer ranching family. The couple wed following a whirlwind romance. The union resulted in five children: Jeanne Joy, Christine, Joseph, Jim, and the youngest, Carol Ann.

In 1953, the couple acquired a farm dog named Snipper, an event that would change the course of their lives. In 1955, Ernie and Elaine founded Las Rocosa Australian Shepherds and began breeding and training what was then a rare western farm breed.

During his life, Ernie also worked for a prominent Quarter horse ranch, performed a "tour of duty" in the US Postal Service, and served for decades in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency of the US Government, from which he retired.

Throughout his life, Ernie supported that Australian Shepherd Breed with his service on the ASCA Board, his participation in ASCA programs, his years as an ASCA Conformation and Stockdog Judge, and many speaking engagements and slide shows at the ASCA Nationals along with his many historical articles in the Aussie Times.