



Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Scholarship Fund Program Application 2026

1. Applicant or immediate family member or guardian must be a current full active member of OHHA.
2. Preference will be given to Ohio residents.
3. Completed application, essays and all supporting documentation must be postmarked by Mar 15, 2026. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
4. Two letters of recommendation are required. One should be from teachers, advisors, coaches, etc. One should be from a connection to the harness-racing industry. Recommendations from family members will not be considered.
5. Applications will be accepted from graduating high school seniors and/or students enrolled in degree or certificate programs. Graduate students are not eligible to apply unless they are enrolled in a harness racing-specific graduate or professional level program and provide complete details regarding the harness racing-specific graduate or professional level program in conjunction with their application.
6. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit. Financial need may be considered. OHHA scholarships are one-year awards. If not used in the school year applied for, the scholarship will not be distributed.
7. Scholarships must be used towards the cost and expenses related to coursework and a degree being pursued at a college or university; written evidence provided upon receipt of an award. Scholarship award preference is to pay the recipient's college or university directly. (In the OHHA's discretion with exigent circumstances, award may be paid directly to recipient. In those instances, proof of the expenditure being used for academic purposes must be provided to the OHHA office by October 31, 2026.)
8. Announcement of the 2026 OHHA Scholarship recipients will be made in May of 2026. Distribution of the awards will be made by August of 2026.
9. The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association reserves the right to alter, amend, and administer this program in their sole and complete discretion.

Please send your completed application and all documentation to:
Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association
2237 Sonora Dr.
Grove City, OH 43123
Email: info@ohha.com
Fax: (614) 221-8726

Did you include:

- ☐ Two essays?
- ☐ Sealed Official Transcripts?
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation?



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Date of
Application:

Part I. Personal Information

Last Name:

First Name:

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Month Day Year

Name of closest-related OHHA full active member (including self):

Part II. Academic and Educational Institution Record

List all schools from high school to present, attended or enrolled to attend, listing the most recent first, including dates of attendance. OHHA must receive an official transcript for the most recent academic year completed for all courses attempted. You must request these official transcripts in time to file with this application and can either accompany your application in the original, sealed envelope from your school or mailed/mailed to OHHA directly from the records office. If your final official academic transcript for the current school year is not available by the application deadline, include the most recent. Upon receipt of the final official transcript, you may supplement ONLY that document after the deadline date. Any applications that fail to provide sealed or directly provided official transcripts will be rejected. No supplemental documents will be accepted after April 1st; distribution of award dependent upon receipt.

College/University attending in 2026: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Telephone Number: _____	Dates of Attendance: Major or Concentration:
High School or College/University _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Telephone Number: _____	Dates of Attendance: Major or Concentration:
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Part III. Extracurricular Activities

List below your noteworthy participation in special programs, school or community activities, and awards received during your high school and/or college/university years. Be sure to include the sponsoring organization and dates involved.

Program / Activity / Award	Organization / Sponsor	Dates Involved

Part IV. Parent / Guardian Information

Complete this section only if your parent(s)/guardian(s) contribute to coverage of your college/university expenses.

Parent (or Guardian)	Parent (or Guardian)
Name: _____	Name: _____
Home Address: _____ _____	Home Address: _____ _____
Employer: _____	Employer: _____
Position: _____	Position: _____
Years at Position: _____	Years at Position: _____

Indicate the category which designates either your family's 2025 combined household income, if parents/guardians are contributing), else your personal 2025 income:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> less than \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$299,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 - \$499,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 or more |

Part V. Financial Summary

Complete the brief estimates of expenses sources related to your upcoming academic year.

Expense Category	Estimated Amount
Tuition	\$
Books	\$
Room & Board	\$
Transportation	\$
Recreation	\$
Other	\$
Total Estimated Expenses:	\$

Show the sources from which you anticipate covering your expenses and the related percentage of your total expense.	
Source	Percent
Family contribution	%
Job/Personal contribution	%
Other Scholarships	%
Loans/Student loans	%
Other (please specify)	%

Part VII. Essays

Each essay should be typed on individual sheets of paper and attached to this signed application.

Essay 1- Briefly describe your present and future educational goals. Explain why you believe you are deserving of scholarship support.

Essay 2- Describe to what extent you and/or other members of the family are involved in the harness racing industry. To be considered for an award you and/or your family must show active harness racing involvement in the past or present.

Graduate Student Only in Harness Racing Specific Degree or Professional Programs. Please complete the essay below on individual sheets of paper and attach to this signed application.

Essay 3- Briefly describe your present and future career goals and how they will relate to harness racing upon graduation. Explain why you believe the Degree or Professional Program is Harness Racing Specific.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby give Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association permission to utilize this information in their sole discretion for advertising, promotion, or public relations. I certify that I will be enrolled as a full-time student for the 2025-2026 academic year and will use the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) Scholarship Fund scholarship toward tuition and expenses related to my college/university attendance.

By signing this application, I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of or deficient information may disqualify me from consideration for an OHHA Scholarship Fund Scholarship. Upon submission, all application materials become the property of Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Scholarship Fund.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____