

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES

OQHRA Scholarships

Deadline for Application Postmark: January 31, 2026

1. The Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association (OQHRA) Scholarship is for young people planning to make a career in the quarter horse or thoroughbred business, preferably, but not limited to the racehorse industry. Scholarship recipients' chosen career field may include, but again are not limited to, training, veterinary, track or farm management, breeding, marketing, diagnostics, journalism, research, etc. Applicants may reside in any U.S. state and are not required to hold any equine association memberships.
 - A. Recipient must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) in an accredited college or university for the Fall Semester of 2026, and the Scholarship Directors must receive proof of this enrollment to disburse scholarship funds for the fall semester.
 - B. Recipient must be legally residing in the U.S. and in good standing with Local, State and U.S. laws.
 - C. Recipient may be i) graduating 2026 high school senior, ii) college freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in the fall semester of 2026, or iii) accepted into and enrolled in veterinary school in the fall of 2026. Other graduate degree plans will be considered on an individual basis.
2. The following information (A through F), unless designated as "Optional," **MUST ACCOMPANY** the Applicant's completed Application Form in the manner described, or the application will be rejected. **For copying purposes, please leave all pages loose or in a paper clip; do not put in binder, sheet protector, folder, etc.**
 - A. Typed introductory letter written by Applicant.
 - B. Three (3) type written letters of reference, not to be submitted by relatives or guardians, which include the following information: A) how well writer knows Applicant and for how long, and B) verifiable first-hand knowledge of Applicant's activities. One (1) letter must be from a high school (or college, if applicable) teacher/ school administrator and at least one (1) letter must be from a professional member of the Equine Industry, who is to document his/her position in the industry (example: "Breeding Manager at RolyPoly Farm Maple City, Vermont").
 - C. Recent Certified High School Transcript (or certified College Transcript, if applicable).
 - D. A 495-525 word, typewritten, double-spaced, single-page essay titled **"Why I Want To Be Part of the Equine Industry and What I Hope to Accomplish."** Applicant's name or family name is not to appear on or within the essay. Please make this essay fit one page.
 - E. Recent 3" X 5" color photograph (head & shoulders only) for publication purposes (will not be returned).
 - F. *(Optional)* Attachments documenting activities, awards, etc. will be accepted, but must be typewritten and concise, **and are limited to 2 additional pages.** Do not repeat awards and accomplishments.
3. If the recipient chooses to postpone higher education and not enter college full-time for Fall Semester of 2026, the recipient is to contact the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association to discuss the reason for this decision and the recipient's future plans. If the recipient does NOT contact the OQHRA by January 31, 2025 with this information, the scholarship may be forfeited.
4. If the recipient is found to have furnished false information in any required component of this Scholarship Application, the scholarship may be forfeited.

This Scholarship is made possible by the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association

Scholarship Fund Managed and Disbursed by:

Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association

(Krissy Bamberg, Executive Director)

Post Office Box 2907

Edmond, OK 73083

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Scholarship Application Form for the



Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION - TYPE OR PRINT

General Information:

Applicant Name: _____ Social Security No. _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Fax Number _____

Birth Date _____ Sex _____

Email Address _____

Marital Status: ☐ Never Married ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widow(er)

Do you have any children? Yes No

If yes, give sex & age of each _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Father's Full Name _____

[Custodial] Parent(s) Address: _____

Parent(s) City/St/Zip _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (circle one) Yes No

If not, from what country is your citizenship? _____

Are you the recipient of any other scholarships or grants? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, name scholarships/grants and amounts: _____

Financial Information (this information will remain confidential):

Are you independent and living on your own? Yes No

Do you provide for another dependent? Yes No

Do you live at home with both parents? Yes No

Do you live in a single-parent household? Yes No (see below)

Is your single parent your ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other (provide details) _____

Does any other party provide support to you? Yes No

If yes, name party _____ Amt. per year\$ _____

Are you claimed as a dependent on any Federal Income Tax return? Yes No

Whose? _____

Do you receive a monthly check from the U.S. government? Yes No

If yes, amount per month \$ _____

Father's Place of Employment _____ Job Title _____

Mother's Place of Employment _____ Job Title _____

Guardian's Place of Employment _____ Job Title _____

If you are currently employed, please name employer _____

Employer's City, St _____ Employer's Phone _____

List specific reasons why you require financial assistance to attend school: _____

Academic Information: OQHRA Page 2

Intended Career Path _____ Proposed Major _____
Year of High School Graduation _____ If not in college, give date you will become a full-time college student _____
Name of High School _____ City, St _____
High School numerical average or cumulative GPA: _____ Are you enrolled in honors classes? Yes No
Name of the college/trade school you plan to attend _____
Are you currently attending college/trade school? Yes No If Yes, check one: ☐ Full-Time (12+ hrs.) ☐ Part-Time
Class Rank (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.) _____ College GPA: _____
College/Trade School Name _____ City, St _____
Expected Date of Graduation _____ Will you attend graduate school? Yes No
If you will attend graduate school, give planned degree & area of study _____

You may attach no more than 2 other pages to further document the following information. Please be specific. If we don't know which club or activity you are referring to, you will not receive credit for it.

Activities (other than school) List activities you have undertaken that help define you as a person: _____

School Activities School clubs & extracurricular activities: _____

National, State or Local Clubs/Activities related to your college major or field of study: _____

Other Activities (volunteer work, job, seminars, etc.) related to your college major or field of study: _____

THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

- A) Certified High School Transcript, B) Certified College Transcript if applicable, C) Single-page, double-spaced, typewritten 495-525 word essay titled "Why I Want to Be Part of the Equine Industry and What I Hope to Accomplish," D) Three (3) letters of reference, specifically one (1) from a high school/college teacher/school administrator and at least one (1) from a professional member of the equine industry; F) Current photo (head & shoulders) for publication purposes, and G) Typewritten letter of introduction.

Verification by Applicant (if you did not receive separate Scholarship Instructions, notify us immediately):

I hereby certify the statements recorded in this application are true and accurate, and that I meet all the requirements set forth in the OQHRA Scholarship Instructions and Rules. I understand if any statement presented in this application is untrue, I may be disqualified. If selected as a recipient, I understand that I may be listed on or in various equine-related web sites and/or publications. My signature verifies I agree with and accept the information printed above.

Print your name as you wish to have it published _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:
Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association
Post Office Box 2907 Edmond, Oklahoma 73083