The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its 2024-2025 MSOA Collegiate Scholarships.

Thanks to the help of generous partners, this year will feature one of the most lucrative scholarships offerings in the lengthy history of the program, with almost $30,000 available to the winners.

“We have been very fortunate to have generous and faithful partners over the past several years” said the MSOA President Lisa Dunn. “These groups have stepped up yet again to allow the MSOA to offer a significant amount of scholarship money to help our members’ families. We can’t thank our sponsors enough for their support.”

$10,000 Bob Key Memorial Scholarship
$5,000 MSOA Collegiate Scholarship
$5,000 Burke Racing Scholarship
$2,400 Heston Blue Chip Scholarship – Winbak Farms
$2,500 Amulet Rehabilitation and Conditioning Scholarship
$2,200 Betting Line Scholarship – Hanover Shoe Farms
$1,000 The Meadows Scholarship

APPLICATION for the 2024-2025 School Year
THIS APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ALL ABOVE SCHOLARSHIPS.

All applications and required documents must be submitted to the MSOA Office or postmarked no later than Friday, May 24, 2024.

The candidate must be a son or daughter of an owner, trainer, driver or groom who has participated in harness racing in the State of Pennsylvania on a regular basis over the two (2) years preceding application. Said parent must be a member of the MSOA. Applicant must be at least a senior in high school.

An independent committee at the Harness Horse Youth Foundation will review the applicants and determine the winners of each individual award.

I. Personal Information (Please print)

Name: ____________________________________________

LAST                                         FIRST                                         MIDDLE

Address: ____________________________________________

Street                                         City                                         State                                         Zip Code

Telephone: ____________________________________________

EVENINGS                                         DAYS

Date of Birth: ____________________________ Gender: ____________________________

Current Year in High School or College: ____________________________

Name of University you will attend: ____________________________

Course of Study: ____________________________________________
II. Family Information

Father’s Name: ______________________________________________________

Father’s Occupation: _________________________________________________

Mother’s Name: _____________________________________________________

Mother’s Occupation: ________________________________________________

Number of Siblings Attending College: _________________________________

Explain your relationship to the licensed owner, trainer, driver or groom, which makes you eligible for this award (use additional paper if necessary)

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III. Extracurricular Activities

Discuss your interests other than horses. Include involvement in community projects, hobbies, and organizations to which you belong:

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IV. Work Experience

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V. Essay
Attach a printed essay of at least 1,000 words in which you tell us as much as possible about yourself. Include your family background, your career plans and goals, your experiences in harness racing, if any, and why you picked your course of study.

VI. Letters of Recommendation
With this application form, include two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from a teacher or professor and one from someone who has knowledge of your horse experience. If these letters are submitted separately, you are responsible for seeing that they are sent and postmarked by the deadline. List the names and addresses of the persons whom you have asked to write recommendations:

1. __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

VII. Transcript
Please provide a copy of your latest transcripts (high school or college).

VIII. Financial Information VERY IMPORTANT
Please enclose the first page of the most recent IRS tax returns from your parents or the person financially responsible for you (could be yourself).

Estimate your expenses in the coming year for the university you plan to attend:

  Tuition: _________________________
  Room & Board: ___________________
  Books, Supplies: _________________
  Transportation: __________________
  Other (explain): _________________
  Total: __________________________
Estimate how much money you will receive to cover the above expenses:

Parents’ contribution: ______________

Your earnings or savings: ___________

Financial aid: ____________________

Scholarships (list sources): ________________________________

Grants or loans: _________________

Other (explain): __________________

How much shortfall do you foresee? ______________________

Return application to:

Meadows Standardbred Owners Association
PO Box 253, Meadow Lands, PA 15347

Additional questions may be answered by calling 724-228-3644 or emailing msoa@themsoa.com.

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