

## Harness Racing Scholarships & Assistance Programs

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### **Harness Horse Youth Foundation**

<https://hhyf.org/scholarships/>

317.908.0029

#### ***Harold & Marcia Snyder Memorial Scholarship***

(sponsored by David Snyder & International Sound Corporation)

Deadline: June 1

Eligibility: Applicant must be personally involved in the harness racing industry or have a relative involved. Applicant may or may not be pursuing a career in the harness racing industry. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

#### ***Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship***

Deadline: June 1

Eligibility: Applicant must have a keen interest in harness racing. Graduate students are not eligible.

#### ***Sweet Karen Scholarship***

Deadline: June 1

Eligibility: Applicant must have completed a Harness Horse Youth Foundation summer program from 1999 to present.

#### ***Lynn Fortna Financial Assistance Program***

Deadline: June 1 and December 30

Eligibility: Applicant must be a young-at-heart female in harness racing who wants to continue her education and/or expand her knowledge of horses.

### **Christian Harness Horsemen's Association**

[www.chha.net](http://www.chha.net)

Deadline: April 30

Eligibility: Students who demonstrate a strong commitment to their Christian faith and are involved in harness racing are encouraged to apply.

### **Delaware Standardbred Owners Association**

[www.dsoaonline.com](http://www.dsoaonline.com)

302.678.3058

#### ***Jim & Barbara Boese Scholarships***

#### ***DSOA Scholarships***

Deadline: September 30

Eligibility: Applicant must be a child or grandchild of a DSOA member in good standing and/or a member of DSOA him/herself.

**Edward Weiner & Edward Yarock Equine Scholarship**

[www.equinescholarship.com](http://www.equinescholarship.com)

201.567.7957

Deadline: May 31

Eligibility: Individual pursuing higher education related to the equine and harness racing industries. The fund also provides grants to individuals in the harness racing community (their children and/or family members) in their pursuit of higher education.

**Harness Horsemen's International Foundation**

[www.harnesshorsemeninternational.com](http://www.harnesshorsemeninternational.com)

609.747.1000

***Jerome Hauck Scholarship***

Deadline: May 1

Eligibility: Candidate must be a child of a full-time groom and a member of an HHI association, or a child of a member of an HHI member association.

**Florida Chapter – US Harness Writers Association**

[www.ushwa-florida.com/finkelson-scholarship.html](http://www.ushwa-florida.com/finkelson-scholarship.html)

954.654.3757

***Allen Finkelson Scholarship***

Deadline: June 1

Eligibility: Preference for these scholarship awards will be given to students majoring in journalism, communications or veterinary related studies. Applicants must be a resident of the state of Florida and currently accepted or enrolled in a fully accredited college or university in the United States.

**Indiana Standardbred Association**

[www.indianaharness.com](http://www.indianaharness.com)

800.565.5725

Deadline: Spring - December 31; Fall - July 15

Eligibility: For the year of application for the college assistance, applicant/parent/grandparent/guardian must be a current ISA Member and hold an IHRC Standardbred license and applicant/parent/grandparent/guardian must be an Indiana resident.

**Maine Harness Horsemen's Association**

[www.mainehha.com](http://www.mainehha.com)

207.623.6442

Deadline: December 1

Eligibility: Applicant must have connection to Maine harness racing and a relative must be a member of MHHA.

**Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association**

[www.mhha.com](http://www.mhha.com)

517.349.2920

Deadline: April 15

Eligibility: MHHA members, and dependents or immediate family members - including step-children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews - of living or deceased members that are/or have been a MHHA member for two years in good standing.

**Standardbred Breeders & Owners of New Jersey &  
Backstretch Community Assistance Program of New Jersey**

[www.sboanj.com](http://www.sboanj.com)

732.462.2357

Deadline: last Friday of June

Eligibility: Candidate must be either a son or daughter of a full-time participant in New Jersey harness horse racing OR be a full time participant in New Jersey harness horse racing. Only one candidate per household will be considered.

**Harness Horse Association of Central New York**

[www.hhacny.com](http://www.hhacny.com)

315.829.3872

Deadline: July 1

Eligibility: Available for members and dependents of HHA of CNY who meet the criteria set forth by the Scholarship Committee and complete the required application.

**Meadows Standardbred Owners Association**

[www.themsoa.com](http://www.themsoa.com)

724.228.3644

Deadline: mid May

Eligibility: Candidate must be son or daughter of an owner, trainer, driver or groom who has participated in harness racing in Pennsylvania on a regular basis over the two years preceding application. Said parent must be a MSOA member.

**Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association**

[2023-ohha-scholarship-application.pdf](#)

614.221.3650

**Deadline:** June 1

**Eligibility:** Applicant or immediate family member or guardian must be a member of OHHA.

**Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association**

[www.phha.org](http://www.phha.org)

610.874.5200

***James Manderino Scholarship Fund***

**Deadline:** November/December

**Eligibility:** Candidate must be the child of an owner, trainer, or driver who has participated in harness racing in the State of Pennsylvania on a regular basis over the two years preceding application. Parent must be a member of PHHA. Children of deceased members are also eligible. Previous winners are encouraged to reapply provided they have not reached the maximum lifetime benefit amount of \$10,000.

**Other Financial Assistance Programs**

***Bill Dailey Foundation***

Facebook.com/BillDaileyFoundation

937-869-4904

**Deadline:** November 30

**Eligibility:** Applications are open to beginning harness drivers 1) ages 16 and older 2) residing within the continental United States 3) holding a current "Q/F" Qualifying/Fair or higher-level licensure granted by the US Trotting Association and 4) owning no to few pairs of registered driving colors.