

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.maineaha.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

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

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

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.

Standardbred Owners Association New York

www.soaofny.com

914.968.3599

John Brennan Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: May 31

Eligibility: The Scholarship applicant or his/her immediate family member must be a 2023 SOA of NY member in good standing, or the applicant can be an immediate family member of a backstretch employee (caretaker) covered by the SOA Welfare Plan. Immediate family member means spouse or child. Either the applicant or their parents must have participated at Yonkers Raceway in the last 12 months as an owner, trainer, driver or caretaker.

Meadows Standardbred Owners Association

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

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.

