

Lynn Fortna - Women In Racing Financial Assistance Program

Lynn was active in many aspects of harness racing and her proudest achievement was being one of the pioneer women who both trained and drove competitively at pari-mutuel tracks in the 1970s. In addition, she also worked in frontside positions as race office and publicity assistant and as a licensed paddock/patrol/presiding/associate judge. She was nothing if not passionate about the industry she loved so much.

Women have integrated themselves into the industry and are actively making a significant impact. In increasing numbers. Talented women in harness racing do everything from working in race offices and associations to training to promoting and educating the public about the horses and the history and glamour of harness racing.

The emphasis of this financial assistance is on helping women in harness racing. Different from a college scholarship, it is for women of any age to advance in harness racing by way of clinics, certificates, judges schools, etc. Examples may include but are not limited to: American Horse Council Annual Meeting, American Horse Publications Conference, Equissage, Hambletonian Vet Conference, and Racing Officials & Accreditation Program

The recipient(s) will receive funding to cover registration fees for a conference, class, certificate program, or other educational experience related to horses with approval from the selection committee. Note: assistance does not include travel expenses.

Note that proof of attendance will be required to receive the funding. Reimbursement payments by HHYF will be made within one month of proper documentation from the applicant.

In addition to completing the online application form, potential applicant must attach a resume or short history (maximum of one page) of her harness/horse experience. No handwritten or mailed applications will be accepted.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 30

Annual assistance available: up to \$2000.00.