



# ASHBA Scholarship Application

## General Information

The purpose of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association Scholarship program is to provide scholarships to members of the ASHBA, 21 years of age and under, at grade 11 or higher, who demonstrate financial need, participation in ASHBA Youth Programs, a commitment to the American Saddlebred industry, and academic success.

The completed application, attached transcripts and tax information are due in the ASHBA office no later than July 31 of the year you wish to receive the scholarship. Letters of reference are due with completed applications.

Scholarships will be awarded only to applicants on the basis of submitted evidence of academic success, financial need, extracurricular activities (including community service), involvement with American Saddlebred horses, and personal references. An interview may also be required.

Completed Applications and letters of reference can be emailed to [scholarships@saddlebred.com](mailto:scholarships@saddlebred.com)

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Active ASHBA member
- Aged 21 and under, at grade 11 or higher
- Applicant must provide an essay as detailed below
- Two (2) Letters of Reference
- High School or College Transcript
- Parent signature required if applicant is 17 & under
- Financial Information: Please include the 1040 form from the previous year. Documented evidence of both parents' annual income must accompany this scholarship application, even in cases of divorce.

## SELECTION TIMELINE

- Completed applications and required materials must be received by the ASHBA office on or before **July 31st**. Applicants can email completed applications to [scholarships@saddlebred.com](mailto:scholarships@saddlebred.com)
- The scholarship recipients will be announced by September 30th. Recipients will receive a \$5,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the institution, university, college or trade school for post-secondary educational expenses.

## ESSAY & MATERIALS

Please write an essay on the following topic:

- Share how the American Saddlebred has impacted and helped you grow as a person in and out of the barn. Make sure to outline any involvement in ASHBA youth programs, 4-H, FFA, or other youth service events as well.

### Requirements:

- 1-2 pages (500 word minimum-1,000 word maximum) on the selected topic
- Please refrain from simply listing horse show wins or program participation

## LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Letters of Reference must be submitted by at least two (2), and no more than four, individuals who are not members of your family. Letters of reference can be directly emailed to [scholarships@saddlebred.com](mailto:scholarships@saddlebred.com) or included with the scholarship application.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure letters of recommendation are submitted by July 31.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| LAST NAME  |  | FIRST NAME                 |                |
| STREET   |  | CITY                       | STATE      ZIP |
| PHONE  |  | EMAIL                      |                |
| ASHBA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(current ASHBA membership is required to apply) |  | BIRTHDATE                  |                |
| HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE   |  | ACADEMIC YEAR              |                |
| NAME OF SCHOOL   |  |                            |                |
| YEARS ATTENDED   |  | HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GPA |                |

The information contained in this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge, and I have composed my own essay. I understand and agree that if all required components of the application are not received in the ASHBA office by the June 1 deadline, the application will not be forwarded to the ASHBA Scholarship Selection Committee for consideration.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS: 859-259-2742 SADDLEBRED.COM RETURN TO: SCHOLARSHIPS@SADDLEBRED.COM**