



American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association
4083 Wing Commander Way, Suite 50
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Committee congratulates you on your achievements thus far and is pleased that you have requested a scholarship application.

Please read and follow the application procedure carefully and completely. Enclosed are the application, instructions and reference forms. General information about the scholarship is found on the cover page of the application.

The completed application, attached transcripts and tax information are due in the ASHBA office no later than June 1 of the year you wish to receive the scholarship. Letters of reference are due June 15.

The Scholarship Committee will review your application. Recipients of our scholarships demonstrate financial need, a commitment to the American Saddlebred industry, and academic success. Please keep the following Statement of Philosophy in mind as you prepare your application:

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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.

If selected for an ASHBA scholarship, the scholarship money will be paid directly to the institution, university, college or trade school for post-secondary educational expenses.

Best of luck to you! Each year we eagerly anticipate learning more about the youth of the American Saddlebred industry. You are to be commended for your past accomplishments and we look forward to hearing of great successes in your future!

If you have any questions about the scholarship or the application procedure, please contact ASHBA at 859-259-2742 or scholarships@saddlebred.com.

Sincerely,

David Mount
Executive Director



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General Information

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Application Checklist

1. Completed & Signed Application- All sections must be completed for application to be considered for a scholarship.
2. Essay- See prompt below
3. Transcripts- High School or College
4. 1040 Tax Forms from the Previous Year- Documented evidence of both parents' annual income is included, even in cases of divorce.
5. Two Letters of Reference- References can either be emailed by the reference to scholarships@saddlebred.com or using online form (<https://form.jotform.com/220905880035049>). **It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure references are submitted before June 15.**
6. Submit your application to ASHBA (scholarships@saddlebred.com) via email.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation must be submitted by at least two, and no more than four, individuals who are not members of your family. These letters must be submitted via online form (<https://form.jotform.com/220905880035049>) or emailed directly to ASHBA (scholarships@saddlebred.com), by those making the recommendations. One reference must be an education professional (principal, advisor, teacher), and one must be someone qualified to comment on your Saddlebred activities (trainer, instructor, youth club advisor, charter club officer, ASHBA director). **It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure letters of recommendation are submitted before June 15.**

Essay Prompt

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 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



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Letter of Recommendation Form

Name of Reference: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Please discuss this applicant, indicating the qualities you have observed that suggest they should be awarded an ASHBA scholarship:

Signature of Reference (E-Signature Accepted)

Date



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ASHBA Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ ASHBA Membership Number # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Are you a current ASHBA member? Yes / No How long? _____

ACADEMIC PROFILE

I am currently in: _____ High School _____ College Academic Year: _____

List of High Schools/Colleges Attended:

Name of School	City/State	Years Attended
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High School Class Rank: _____/_____ High School GPA: _____/_____

Standardized Test Scores (optional)

Test Name: _____ Test Score: _____

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College GPA (if Applicable): _____ on a _____ point scale

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(Please include 1040 form from previous year. Documented evidence of both parents annual income must accompany this scholarship application, even in cases of divorce.)

Name of Parent 1/Legal Guardian 1: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent 2/ Legal Guardian 2: _____

Address: _____

Number of Children/Dependents: _____

Number of Children/ Dependents, ages:

0-13 years _____ 14-18 years _____ 18-22 years _____



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Financial Aid (please list all sources received or anticipated)

Institution: _____ Amount: _____

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INVOLVEMENT

Please list any relevant equine experiences including ASHBA Youth Programs (ASHBA Youth Club, 4-H, FFA, junior judging, course work—**please note that a list of horse show wins is discouraged**):

Please list any relevant equine leadership experiences:

Please list any community service hours:

Other Information:

REFERENCES

(Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure references are submitted by electronic form or email to scholarships@saddlebred.com by June 15)

Reference 1 Name: _____ Email: _____

Reference 2 Name: _____ Email: _____

Reference 3 Name (Optional): _____ Email: _____

Reference 4 Name (Optional): _____ Email: _____

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.

Signature of Applicant (E-Signature Accepted)

Date