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## GREEN MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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### *Young Equestrian Development Scholarship*

As the leading equestrian facility in New England, GMHA is home to some of the top competitive and educational events in five different disciplines. GMHA is committed to promoting horsemanship through the education of young equestrians.

The Green Mountain Horse Association is excited to provide scholarships to its Youth Members who need financial help to support them in their endeavors to become better horsemen. This is made possible by endowment funds that have been entrusted to GMHA to ensure that we continue our mission of providing educational opportunities into the future.

The goal of this program is to provide financial assistance to hard-working young riders and allow them to compete or participate in a learning activity at GMHA. Scholarship funds may be awarded for GMHA clinics, competitions (e.g. Competitive Trail Rides, Driving shows, Hunter/Jumper Shows, etc.), or other educational activities.

Through this scholarship, we hope to enable young equestrians to:

- Pursue and potentially achieve their equestrian goals.
- Develop and improve their horsemanship skills in a professional environment.
- Learn from interaction with equestrians at the top levels of the sport.
- Meet and form lasting relationships with other equestrians.

#### Eligibility:

Scholarships are available to young riders and drivers (under 21) who are GMHA Members. Membership may be submitted with scholarship application.

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and the quality and completeness of the application.

#### Application Process:

As an educational organization, GMHA is committed to making it possible for qualified applicants to receive the highest possible level of support. Please be aware that **the quality and completeness of this application will influence the amount awarded**. To improve the fairness of the application process, we **require the applicant's parents or applicant (if applicable) to provide proof of their income by attaching a copy of their IRS document 1040 showing adjusted gross income for 2018**.

Scholarship applications must be received by **May 15, 2019**. Applications must include proof of last year's income as described above and two letters of recommendation, or they will be returned as incomplete. Letters of recommendation will be accepted from trainers, school teachers, or barn owner/managers and should be sent immediately upon submitting an application to ensure the prompt consideration of the complete application.

**Notes & Restrictions:**

Scholarship awards may only be used towards events held at GMHA.

Recipients are responsible for any association memberships, non-member fees, or other fees paid to sanctioning organizations applicable to competitions entered (ie. USEF drug fees, USEA starter fees, ECTRA drug fee, etc).

**2019 Young Equestrian Development Scholarship**

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH		
ADDRESS	PHONE		
CITY	E-MAIL		
STATE	ZIP	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME			
Have you applied to GMHA for a scholarship in the past? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		If yes, when?	
How many adults and children are there in your family? _____ adults _____ children			

**Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Questions should be answered by the applicant only! Parents are encouraged to submit their own comments with the application separately.**

1. Please describe your past riding experiences (i.e. discipline, trainers, showing record).
2. What are your equestrian goals for 2019?
3. What are your long term equestrian goals?
4. How would you use your GMHA scholarship? Please list which event or clinic you will use the scholarship for.
5. How would you prepare yourself and your horse to maximize this learning opportunity?
6. Please describe your volunteer experiences, equestrian or otherwise.
7. Are there any special personal circumstances that the scholarship committee should know about when reviewing your scholarship application?
8. What is the most important reason that you should be considered for scholarship support from GMHA?

**Additional Requirements:**

**2 Letters of Recommendation are required with this application and will be accepted from: trainers/instructors, school teachers, or barn owners/managers.** Letters may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to GMHA separately.

- Letters are enclosed.
- Letters will be submitted separately. Please expect letters from:

Name in Full

Relationship to You

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications will be considered complete if the following is included:**

- This application with COMPLETE answers to ALL of the above questions
- Applicant's parents or applicant's (if applicable) 2018 IRS tax documentation
- 2 Letters of Recommendation: enclosed    submitted

*Please keep in mind that all award recipients will be asked to submit a short story about their learning experience made possible by the scholarship.*

**Please submit your complete application to:**

GMHA Young Equestrian Development Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 8  
South Woodstock, VT 05071

May be faxed to (802) 457-4471. Please call to confirm receipt.

May be emailed to Tracy Ostler, Executive Director, [tracy@gmhainc.org](mailto:tracy@gmhainc.org)