



2026

**THE MEADOWS STANDARDBRED OWNERS
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

\$30,000 Bob Key Memorial Scholarship

\$10,000 Burke Racing Scholarship

\$7,400 Greenshoe Scholarship – Hanover Shoe Farm

\$5,000 MSOA Collegiate Scholarship

\$5,000 Ron & Diane Burke Scholarship

\$5,000 In Memory of Mickey Burke Scholarship

\$3,800 Heston Blue Chip Scholarship – Winbak Farm

\$2,500 Amulet Rehabilitation and Conditioning Scholarship

\$1,000 The Meadows Scholarship

APPLICATION for the 2026-2027 School Year

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ALL ABOVE SCHOLARSHIPS.

**All applications and required documents must be submitted to the
MSOA Office or postmarked no later than**

Friday, May 22, 2026.

1. Applicants must be a son or daughter of an owner, trainer, driver, or groom who has participated in the Meadows Racing in the last two (2) years.
2. Said parent must be a member of the MSOA
3. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school
4. Preference will be given to Pennsylvania residents.
5. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit. Financial need may be considered. MSOA Scholarships are one-year awards. If for some reason, the scholarship is not used for the academic year applied for, the MSOA reserves the right to redistribute the award to other applicants.
6. The Meadows Standardbred Owners Association reserves the right to alter, amend, and administer this program at their sole and complete discretion.
7. For the Ron & Diane Burke Scholarship, applicants must complete a 10-minute phone interview with the MSOA Scholarship Committee. Dawnelle Johnston will contact each applicant to schedule their interview.

II. Personal Information (Please print)

Name: _____

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Current Year in High School or College: _____

Name of University you will attend: _____

Course of Study: _____

III. Family Information

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Number of Siblings Attending College: _____

Explain your relationship to the licensed owner, trainer, driver or groom, which makes you eligible for this award (use additional paper if necessary)

IV. Extracurricular Activities

Discuss your interests other than horses. Include involvement in community projects, hobbies, and organizations to which you belong:

V. Work Experience

| <i>Job</i> | <i>Employer</i> | <i>Dates</i> | <i>Wages</i> |
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VI. Essay

Attach a **printed essay** of at least 1,000 words in which you tell us as much as possible about yourself. Include your family background, your career plans and goals, your experiences in harness racing, if any, and why you picked your course of study.

VII. Letters of Recommendation

With this application form, include **two letters of recommendation** at least one of which should be from a teacher or professor and one from someone who has knowledge of your horse experience. If these letters are submitted separately, you are responsible for seeing that they are sent and postmarked by the deadline.

List the names and addresses of the persons whom you have asked to write recommendations:

1. _____

2. _____

VIII. Transcript

Please provide a **copy of your latest transcripts** (high school or college).

IX. Financial Information **VERY IMPORTANT**

Please enclose the **first page of the most recent IRS tax returns** from your **parents or the person financially responsible for you** (could be yourself).

Estimate your expenses in the coming year for the university you plan to attend:

Tuition: _____

Room & Board: _____

Books, Supplies: _____

Transportation: _____

Other (explain): _____

Total: _____

Estimate how much money you will receive to cover the above expenses:

Parents' contribution: _____

Your earnings or savings: _____

Financial aid: _____

Scholarships (list sources): _____

Grants or loans: _____

Other (explain): _____

How much shortfall do you foresee? _____

Return application to:

Meadows Standardbred Owners Association
PO Box 253, Meadow Lands, PA 15347

Additional questions may be answered by
calling 724-228-3644 or emailing msoa@themsoa.com.

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Late applications will not be accepted

**Please Double Check you have everything needed or incomplete
applications will not be ranked and awarded**

- Completed Application
 - Printed Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Transcripts
- Financial Information/ Tax Forms

**For the Ron & Diana Burke Scholarship, the MSOA will reach out to
you to schedule a phone interview.**