



MACKINAC HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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The Mackinac Horsemen's Association is a \$500 scholarship to be awarded annually to a high school senior or graduate of Mackinac Island Public Schools who has attended MIPS at least two years and is pursuing ongoing education in an equine-related area. This student may be awarded the scholarship whether they are attending a 4-year or 2-year college, or certification/licensure in an equine-related field such as a farrier, a professional rider or driver. This student should have at least a 2.0 GPA and demonstrate community leadership, citizenship, personal commitment to community spirit and support Mackinac Horsemen's Association's mission of "promotion, education and future of horses" on Mackinac Island and other areas of the country.

This form by itself is not a complete application package. See page 3 for instructions about completing your Application Package. All applications must be received no later than 5 pm on April 10. Failure to complete all portions of this form could result in disqualification. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY.

1. Applicant:

_____	_____	_____	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	

_____	_____	_____	_____
Home Address	City	State	Zip

_____	_____		
Home Phone	Email Address		

2. Immediately after high school (high school seniors) or this summer or fall (for those who graduated earlier) I, _____ plan to enter: (check one that best describes your current plan.)

- Certification or Licensing Program Training Program Trade/Technical School
 Community or Junior College 4-Year College or University

The career goal I will pursue is: _____
(Examples of an equine related field of study or technical skill)

3. Grade Point Average: _____

4. Reference Letter: Have a teacher, guidance counselor, or respected Mackinac Island equine professional write a letter of recommendation supporting your application, sign it, seal it in an envelope and enclose it with your application.

5. Essay: Write a short essay describing your future career plans and explaining why you have chosen your educational path. Essay must be typed. Enclose your essay with your application.

6. The information on this form and contained in this application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures. *Parent/Guardian required for applicant under 18 years.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Applicant Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature *	Date

What is Mackinac Horsemen's Association?

As a long time non-profit organization, the Mackinac Horsemen's Association is dedicated to generating enthusiasm for horses and preserving Mackinac Island's unique equine culture. Our Mackinac Community Equestrian Center (MCEC), owned and operated by MHA, provides equine enthusiasts and non-riders alike a place to meet and interact, for the benefit of the local community and the many visitors to Mackinac Island.

As an organization, MHA would like to offer our support and recognize the students and graduates of Mackinac Island Public School and the many equine-related educational opportunities.

Who is eligible for the MHA Scholarship?

Any current high school senior, or person who has graduated from MIPS with at least two years in attendance, who is a resident of Mackinac Island and who:

- Has (had) a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Desires to continue his or her education/training beyond high school in any accredited equine-based training, licensing or certification program or institution of higher learning.

What criteria will be used to judge your application?

Applicants will be judged on outstanding achievements in many areas of their lives. A GPA of 2.0 or greater demonstrates an applicant's commitment to continuing his or her education, while the essay describes future career plans and demonstrates accomplishments in the areas of community (may include school community), leadership, citizenship and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit.

How is the recipient selected?

A panel of judges including a representative from the Mackinac Horseman's Association, a current or retired Mackinac Island Public School professional, and a respected Mackinac Island equine professional will review application packages.

After the finalists are chosen, the judges may schedule a personal interview after which the winner will be selected. The judge's decision is final and based on the application and interview process.

The winner will be notified the first week of May and the scholarship will be presented in accordance with Mackinac Island Public School's awards program schedule.

What is the procedure for completing the application package?

1. Potential candidates may pick up their application and guidelines at Mackinac Island Public School's Administrative Office or download them from the Mackinac Horsemen's Association website: www.mackinachorses.org/scholarship.
2. The Application must be filled out in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. GPA: An official transcript is required.
4. Reference letter: Have a teacher, guidance counselor or respected Mackinac Island equine professional write a letter of recommendation supporting your application, sign it, seal in an envelope and enclose with your application.
5. Essay: Write a short essay describing your future career plans and explaining why you have chosen your educational path. Essay must be typed. Enclose your essay with your application.
6. Assemble your application package as listed below.
7. Return the completed application package to the Mackinac Horsemen's Association, P.O. Box 462, Mackinac Island, MI 49757.

Application Package Checklist:

- ✓ Completed Application Form
- ✓ Recent copy of GPA transcript
- ✓ Reference letter by a teacher, guidance counselor or person familiar with Mackinac Island equine industry supporting your application.
- ✓ Essay describing why you have chosen your career plans and explaining your community (including school community) leadership, citizenship and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit.
- ✓ Make two photocopies of your original application package, including all the items listed above (except the sealed reference letter) and assemble the photocopies in the order listed above.
- ✓ Staple each of the three assembled application packages in the upper left-hand corner.
- ✓ Deliver two copies of the application package to the Mackinac Island Public School Administrator Office and mail the original application and reference letter to Mackinac Horsemen's Association, P.O. Box 462, Mackinac Island, MI 49757.
- ✓ Application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 10 of the current school year.

Important Dates:

- April 10 of the current school year – Applications must be received
- May 1 of the current school year – Final determination will be made.
- (TBD) date of announcement

For more information or questions, please call Mackinac Horsemen's Association to be directed to the MHA Scholarship representative: 906-847-8034 or write info@mackinachorses.org.