2024
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
EQUINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ELIGIBILITY

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will award two scholarships to Kentucky 4-H Horse Program participants that are high school seniors and college students, and/or those seeking post-secondary education (i.e. technical, vocational, junior college) for the current year. Scholarships may be applied toward tuition, housing, books and other educational expenses. Payments will be made directly to the recipient. A $500 award **will be mailed directly to the recipient**. The scholarship winners will be announced at the State 4-H Horse Show opening ceremony on Monday August 5, 2024.

To be eligible, applicant should:
- have a minimum 3.0 cumulative *high school* GPA **or** a minimum 2.5 cumulative *college* GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- have participated in a state horse show or qualifying event for state show. The scholarship committee will consider the applicant's last year of participation.
- submit two letters of recommendation (Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture employees are prohibited)
- must be entering their senior year of high school or entering/enrolled in post-secondary education.

Those not eligible are the children of:
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture Employees

RULES

- Recipient may enter any accredited college, but must pursue a two-year minimum course of study.
- Recipient must enter college or post-secondary education within the first full year upon graduating high school.
- A transcript (high school or post-secondary education) is required with application submission.
- A recent photo of recipient
- All application materials **must be postmarked by Monday July 1, 2024, hand-delivered or emailed to Lashley.Stith@ky.gov** by this date to the address below. Mail the completed application and supporting materials to:

Kentucky Department of Agriculture,
Shows & Fairs Division,
Attn: Lashley Stith
111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

The scholarship committee will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of these rules. All applications become the property of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Shows & Fairs Division, and will not be returned.

Please note:
Recipients of this scholarship can re-apply for the scholarship every other year.
Example- If received scholarship in 2022; you are eligible to apply again in 2024.

Full
Name:
_____
     First   *Middle*   *Last*

Address: _____
                      Street Address

_____
     City   *State*   *Zip Code*

Phone: _____(____)_____   E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____   Sex: ____   Parent's Names: _____

4-H Chapter: _____

College : _____

Major: _____   Minor: _____

Are you pursuing a four-year degree?
   YES ☐   NO ☐   Career Choice: _____

Level of Course Work (Check One):
   Advanced ☐   Honors ☐   Basic ☐   Other ☐

GPA** _____   ACT Score _____   SAT Score _____   Class Rank/Class Size _____

**Unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Give to the nearest one-hundredth. *Do not round off*.

High School: _____   Current Grade: _____

Counselor: _____   Phone : _____(____)_____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING
- A high school or college transcript
- Letters of recommendation describing characteristics such as leadership, citizenship and maturity. Two are required; one from a school official (e.g. teacher, counselor, principal) and one from a non-relative (KDA employees are prohibited)
- An essay, in 500 words or less, answering the question:
"How has the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program impacted my life?

Community Service/Volunteer Work Participation

List Community Service and/or Volunteer Work (list at least 2 for maximum points)	Year(s) Participated	Description of Community Service/Volunteer Work

Extracurricular Activity Participation

List Extracurricular Activities (list at least 2 for maximum points)	Year(s) Participated	Description of Extracurricular Activity, Awards/Honors received, positions held, etc.

SCORING GUIDE
Note: 100 POINTS POSSIBLE

Item	Points Possible
Essay	<u>50</u>
• **Content**	25
• **Grammar**	10
• **Spelling**	10
• **Format**	5
Community Service/Volunteer Work	<u>10</u>
• **Two opportunities**	5 (x2)
Extracurricular Activities	<u>10</u>
• **Two activities**	5 (x2)
GPA	<u>15</u>
• **4.0**	15
• **3.8-3.9**	14
• **3.6-3.7**	13
• **3.4-3.5**	12
• **3.2-3.3**	11
• **3.0-3.1**	9
• **<2.9**	7
Letters of Recommendation	<u>10</u>
• **Source of letter**	2.5 (x2)
• **Content of letter**	2.5 (x2)
ACT/SAT Score	<u>5</u>

	SAT	ACT	
•	**2040-2400**	**32-36**	5
•	**1920-2039**	**27-31**	4
•	**1800-1919**	**22-26**	3
•	**1680-1799**	**18-21**	2
•	**<1680**	**<17**	1

Total	**100 pts**