

KENT STIRLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2025

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

The Florida Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (FHBPA) is proud to announce the continuation of its scholarship program in 2025 for qualified Florida-licensed backstretch employees and/or their direct dependents. The program is designed to further the students' education at the college undergraduate and graduate levels. The scholarship may be used at any accredited college, university, community college, or trade school, and the student is free to pursue any field of study.

Those eligible include the following and their dependents: Florida-licensed trainer, assistant trainer, foreman, groom, exercise rider, pony person, or hot walker. Further, the family must reside in Florida full-time.

At present, scholarships are available only for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Household income may not exceed \$75,000 annually except under extenuating circumstances. The deadline for submission of an application to the FHBPA office is **June 02, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.**

SELECTION PROCESS:

Each application will be reviewed by the FHBPA Scholarship Committee. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements **will not be considered.**

The student must submit his/her most recent high school or college transcripts verifying that he/she is a qualified high school graduate or current college student in good standing.

This is a need-based scholarship program and may be renewed annually if the student retains his/her academic good standing throughout the academic year. The Scholarship Committee will review each student's file on an annual basis.

Before the Fall semester begins, scholarship monies will be distributed directly to the institution. However, the student must first provide proof of enrollment and a copy of his/her tuition invoice directly to the FHBPA offices.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS:

If available, each applicant should submit a copy of his/her completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and a copy of his/her Student Aid Report (SAR). The student is required to submit copies of his/her parent's or guardian's tax return for the current year.

INTERVIEWS:

Personal interviews with the Scholarship Committee may be required of **NEW** applicants.

WRITTEN ESSAYS AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

A written essay of no more than 250 words must be submitted, which describes the applicant's future goals and why this scholarship is important to attain those goals.

Further, a letter of recommendation from someone who knows the student well and can offer insights into his/her potential is required. **This person must not be the student's parent or guardian.**

MAILING ADDRESS:

Mail completed application forms and any supporting material to:

Florida HBPA, Inc. Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3507
Hallandale Beach, FL 33008

Alternatively, applications may be delivered in person to the FHBPA office at Gulfstream Park. Office hours are Monday — Friday, 8:00 am—4:00 pm. Saturday 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Closed on Sundays.

The applicant will be notified of the Committee's decision by **June 30, 2025**. If you have any further questions, contact Debra at the FHBPA office at 954-457-3516.

FHBPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Check the Type of School and Provide Student Status:

University/College: _____ Community College: _____ Trade School: _____ Graduate: _____

Student Status: Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

Date: _____

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School Education:

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College or Trade School You Will Attend: _____

Address and Phone of Institution: _____

College/Trade School Education If Already Matriculating:

Name of School: _____

Address of Institution: _____

Phone Number: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Florida Badge Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Licensed as (circle one):

Trainer / Assistant Trainer / Foreman / Groom

Exercise Rider / Hot Walker / Pony Person

Employer Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

In Addition to Completing This Form, Please Provide the Following:

Official High School or College Transcripts

Written Essay

Letter of Recommendation

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form

Student Aid Report (SAR)

Copy of Applicant's Florida ID or Driver's License

Copy of Parent or Guardian's Tax Return For 2024.

Copy of Parents' or Guardian's Florida ID or Driver's License

Copy of Parent's or Guardian's Florida Racing License

Copy of Parent's or Guardian's Florida Badge

***NOTE:** After the scholarship is awarded, the applicant must provide proof of enrollment and a copy of the student's tuition invoice to the Scholarship Committee.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON
MONDAY – JUNE 2, 2025
NO EXCEPTIONS!**