

Green Mountain Horse Association  
**COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Green Mountain Horse Association is excited to have received large grant from the Chichester DuPont Foundation towards the continuation and expansion of our youth education programs aimed at serving underprivileged youth. As part of this grant, GMHA is launching a new COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

The goal of this program is to provide financial assistance to hard-working junior riders in need which will allow them to compete or participate in an event at GMHA. Scholarship funds may be awarded for GMHA clinics, shows, or educational events.

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. We feel that quality competitive opportunities are a vital part of any equestrian's development.

Through this new scholarship, we hope to enable junior equestrians to:

- o Pursue and potentially achieve their equestrian goals.
- o Develop and improve their horsemanship skills in a competitive environment.
- o Observe and compete with equestrians at the top levels of the sport.
- o Have an invaluable "away" bonding experience with their horse or pony.
- o Meet and form lasting relationships with other equestrians.

**Eligibility:**

Scholarships are available to **junior riders and drivers** (18 years of age and under) **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 to provide proof of their income by attaching a copy of the appropriate IRS document for 2008**.

**Scholarship applications must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Applications must include proof of last year's income as described above, two letters of recommendation, and two personal references, or they will be returned as incomplete. Letters of recommendation should be sent immediately upon submitting an application to ensure the prompt consideration of the complete application.

**Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis- we strongly encourage applicants to submit an application as soon as possible!**

**Notes & Restrictions:**

Scholarship awards may only be used towards entry, clinic, or stabling fees at GMHA events.

The scholarship committee may designate awards to certain events deemed appropriate based on the application. Notification of award will include any event specific restrictions.

Scholarship awards may not be used to pay membership fees to other associations. Recipient is 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, ect).

## 2009 GMHA COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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?			
What was your family's net income last year? <i>IRS documentation MUST BE PROVIDED to support this information.</i>			
How many adults and children are there in your family?			

**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. How often do you ride/drive and take lessons? Where, with whom, and in what discipline?
2. Do you own your own horse or pony? Please tell us about your horse/pony or the one you plan to compete.
3. Do you have a job? If so, please describe.
4. Please describe your volunteer experiences, equestrian or otherwise.
5. What are your equestrian goals for 2009? What are your long term equestrian goals?
6. Please describe your past show/competitive riding experiences. Have you been to/competed at GMHA before?
7. How do you plan to prepare yourself and your horse to compete at GMHA?
8. How would you use your GMHA scholarship? Please list which events or clinics you intend to enter.
9. Are there any special personal circumstances that the scholarship committee should know about when reviewing your scholarship application?
10. 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.** Letters may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to GMHA separately.

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

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide 2 additional personal references:**

Reference 1	
Name	Relationship
Phone #	Address
Reference 2	
Name	Relationship
Phone #	Address

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

- This application with COMPLETE answers to ALL of the above questions
- Your family's 2008 IRS tax documentation
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (may be submitted separately)
- 2 References listed above

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

**Please submit your complete application to:**

GMHA Competition Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 8  
South Woodstock, VT 05071

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