

GMHA Launches New Working Student Scholarship Program

The Green Mountain Horse Association is excited to announce the creation of a Working Student Scholarship Program for the 2009 season. This program is made possible by a grant from the Chichester DuPont Foundation towards the continuation and expansion of GMHA's youth education programs, aimed at helping junior equestrians facing financial hardships. The program will provide eligible students in need with practical work experience and compensation while learning and developing a variety of valuable skills.

These skills learned as a GMHA Working Student will be applicable to future equestrian pursuits as well as educational and professional endeavors:

- Customer Service Skills
- Communications Skills, Written and Oral
- Event Planning and Logistics
- Public Relations and Marketing
- Detailed Knowledge of Equestrian Events in a Variety of Disciplines

GMHA's Working Students will have the unique opportunity to learn through experience what it takes to run over 60 events in five different disciplines. Reporting directly to GMHA's event staff and working closely with all of GMHA's employees, working students will participate in a challenging rotating schedule of activities that may be tailored to reflect their particular interests and academic needs. Students may be asked to work in the following areas: event preparation, clerical duties, communications, public relations, event set-up, reception, and event management. Students should expect to work between 20-30 hours per week. Financial compensation in the form of a scholarship will be awarded to students on a bi-weekly basis.

The Working Student Scholarship Program is open to energetic, motivated equestrians under the age of 18 who can demonstrate financial need. Successful applicants should have a can-do attitude and be prepared to immerse themselves in GMHA's fast-paced summer schedule. Applicants need not have previous event experience, but should be able to demonstrate how the GMHA Working Student experience will fit into their educational and/or professional goals.

There are several positions available for the 2009 season. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis- interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For details, please download an application from our website, www.gmhainc.org. Please contact GMHA Event Director Karey Manner at kmanner@gmhainc.org or (802) 457-1509, ext. 203 with any questions regarding the Working Student Scholarship Program.