



Scholarship Tip Sheet

**MOST OF THE QUESTIONS YOU WILL HAVE ARE ANSWERED
HERE. READ THIS SHEET CAREFULLY.**

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have or help you in any way we can but **STRONGLY** advise students not to wait until the day before the scholarships are due. You can contact George Moreno or Mena Perez with any questions at our office phone at 847-577-6464 or via email at George@itharacing.com or Mena@itharacing.com

You should order your transcripts at least two weeks before the scholarship applications are due since transcripts will generally take between 2 – 14 days to be delivered. Nearly every school allows you to order transcripts online. The best way to get those transcripts to us is electronically. Have them sent to one of the emails above.

When we ask for your GPA, we need it on a 4.0 scale. If your school operates on a 5.0 scale you simply divide your GPA by 5 and multiply by 4. Example: if your GPA is 4.3/5, your 4.0 scale GPA would be 3.44. The calculations would be as follows:
 $(4.3/5) = .86 * 4 = 3.44$.

We need an address to the appropriate department for your school to process the scholarship check. Understand that if you do not provide this address to us, we CANNOT send a check. Additionally, if you provide the wrong address, it will delay the time it takes for the check to be processed.

Changing the university, you decided to attend AFTER the scholarship deadline will certainly delay the time it takes to process the scholarship and could potentially cause you to lose the scholarship, or the amount to be reduced.

Taxes – The Federal deadline for income taxes is April 18th, 2022, please provide your parents' 2021 taxes if they claim you as a dependent, or your 2021 taxes if filing separately.

Essays – The essays you write will be published on our website and potentially shared with media outlets. Please use grammar and spell check for your essays and have a teacher or friend proofread your essays.

All documents must be turned in before the deadline or the scholarship application will be considered incomplete. If you are mailing, or having someone deliver documents on your behalf, please contact us at our office to confirm delivery.



Scholarship Program

APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant's parents must be Illinois residents with an Illinois state identification card or a driver's license.
2. Applicants must be 26 years of age or under at the time of the scholarship deadline.
3. The applicant or at least one of the applicant's parents must be licensed by the IRB as a Trainer, Assistant Trainer, Vet Assistant, Foreman, Groom, Exercise Person, Pony Person, or Hot Walker.

Parents of dependents or applicants must be licensed in Illinois and have worked at all of the following racing meets: Arlington Park 2021 racing meet, Hawthorne Racecourse Thoroughbred Fall 2021 racing meet, and Hawthorne Racecourse Thoroughbred Spring 2022 meet.

4. Applicant must attend an accredited trade school, college, or university and designate whether it is a two-year program leading to an associate degree or a four-year program leading to a bachelor's degree.

Entries will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of the CTHF. Scholarships will be awarded based on merit, strength of written essay, quality of work submitted, academic record, financial need, and community involvement. Household income may not exceed \$100,000 per year to qualify.

New applicants are required to submit the following:

1. One letter of recommendation signed and sealed.
2. Sealed official high school and/or college transcripts
3. Letter of Acceptance from the college or university you plan to attend
4. A copy of your class schedule for the college or university
5. Copy of 2021 tax returns
6. An essay written based on one of the prompts in the "Scholarship Essay Prompts" page that adheres to the rules and requirements listed in the same page.

Returning applicants are required to submit the following:

1. Sealed copy of official college transcripts
2. Copy of the class schedule for the college or university
3. Copy of 2021 tax returns
4. An essay written based on one of the prompts in the "Scholarship Essay Prompts" page that adheres to the rules and requirements listed in the same page.

MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022. Mailing address: CTHF, 7301 West 25th Street, Suite 321, North Riverside, IL 60546. Email to: George@itharacing.com

Failure to submit **ALL** documents by **July 15, 2022** will result in an incomplete application and the applicant will **NOT** be considered for the prospective scholarship.



Scholarship Essay Prompts

Essay rules:

If you are a returning applicant, you may NOT use prompts you have used in previous years.

12-point font, Times New Roman, Calibri, or Cambria

1-inch margins all around

Indent the first line of each paragraph

Double Spaced.

Two pages minimum, four pages maximum.

Pick one of the prompts from below.

Use an appropriate heading:

First Name, Last Name, Date, Prompt number, and Title of Essay. (See attached example of how an essay should be formatted)

Prompt 1: Over the past decade, horseracing has been attacked by many animal rights organizations. Horseracing has been portrayed as cruel and abusive. Additionally, some state legislatures have questioned the value of horseracing compared to other wagering options. What value does horseracing create? Why should horseracing continue to exist?

Prompt 2: Horseracing faces multiple challenges, an example of this is a shortening labor force. In your opinion how can the industry attract new employees to the industry? What are some of the entry barriers potential employees face?

Prompt 3: The Backstretch community is a tight knit community. Describe the ways the backstretch community is unique from other communities. What are the challenges and benefits of growing up in the backstretch?

Prompt 4: "Nature vs Nurture." To what degree do you believe genetics is involved in the success of a living being? What do you believe is more important, strong genetics or hard work? Do your beliefs apply only to animals or humans as well?

Prompt 5: COVID-19 disproportionately impacted people with less resources. Blue collar workers often had to continue working, despite the risk of exposure to the virus. Public schools were closed or operating remotely, often hindering the education of the children of lower income parents. Even positive events have been devalued, for example, while many people received raises, the high rise of inflation has not only wiped out the wage increases but caused people to spend their savings. How has COVID -19 directly impacted you or your family at the track? What, if any, role should the government have in helping those with less resources?

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	<p>John F. Smith</p> <p>Professor James Clark</p> <p>English 306</p> <p>1 July 2015</p> <p>Double Space, Times New Roman, 12 px</p> <p>Press Enter once</p> <p>Center title, capitalize</p> <p>A Major Victory for Gay Rights Activists in America</p> <p>Indentation (press TAB once)</p> <p>Last week, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that all 50 states in the country must allow same-sex marriage. It was a major victory for the gay citizens who wish to wed others of the same gender. An article on cnn.com, "Supreme Court rules in favor of same-sex marriage nationwide," written by Ariane de Vogue and Jeremy Diamond, had much to say about this historic ruling, which has set a precedent in the world.</p> <p>Indentation</p> <p>In the 5-4 ruling, Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote for the majority with the four liberal justices, said "no union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family." Kennedy continued to say, "In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than they once were. ...Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right." (De Vogue and Diamond).</p> <p>Kennedy also wrote that same-sex couples should be able to use their right to marry in all states. This day marks a victory for homosexuals all over the world, not just in America. This ruling makes America the 21st country to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide, including its territories, such as Guam and Puerto Rico. Gay couples will now have the same exact legal rights, as well as the benefits that straight couples have shared for as long as the country has existed.</p>	
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Types of Scholarships Available

The scholarships are based on a 4.0 scale:

- **Two Year Program—Grade Point Average— 2.5 - 4.0**
- **Four Year Program—Grade Point Average— 2.5 - 4.0**
- **Graduate Program—Grade Point Average— 2.5 - 4.0**
- **Equine Veterinary Scholarship (Minimum of a 2.5 GPA requirement still applies)**
- **Farrier or Trade School (Automotive, Electrician, Plumbing, Computer Information Systems, HVAC Technician, etc.) Scholarship (Minimum of a 2.5 GPA requirement still applies)**
- **Equine/Agricultural Major (Minimum of a 2.5 GPA requirement still applies)**

Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and will be based not only on your Grade Point Average, but also on the strength of your essay, and community involvement.

Two-year students and trade-school students will be limited to three years of scholarships and Four-year students will be limited to 6 years of scholarships. All students will be capped at 6 years of scholarships.

All questions should be referred to the ITHA office or call (847) 577-6464. If you are having trouble attaining any documents, please let us know at least a week before the application due date.



Chicago Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation

Checklist for 2022 Scholarship

Please attach this checklist to the front of your application package.

Date

Full Name of Applicant

Age

Parent's Full Name

Licensed Title

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Licensed Title

Type of School

- Two-Year
- Four-Year
- Graduate Program

- Equine Veterinary
- Equine / Agricultural
- Farrier or Trade

New Applicants

- CTHF Scholarship Application
- Official Transcripts
- GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____
- Letter of Acceptance
- Class Schedule
- Letter of Recommendation
- Tax Returns
- Copies of Illinois IDs
- Copies of IRB License
- Written Essay

Returning Applicants

- CTHF Scholarship Application
- Official College Transcripts
- GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____
- Class Schedule
- Tax Returns
- Copies of Illinois IDs
- Copies of IRB License
- Written Essay

Notes:

Note: Certain colleges or universities require scholarship grantors (in this case the CTHF) to use specific forms when giving a scholarship. It is YOUR responsibility to contact the Accounts Receivable Department of your school and ask if there is any special form we must use. If so, please make a note on this page and attach the form or email the link to the form to George@itharacing.com



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Scholarship Application for school year of 2022 Student Information

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Social Security Number Date of Birth Age

Phone Number Email Address

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Please write below the name of the college/university where this check should be mailed exactly as it should be written on the envelope.

Name of College/University

Address of College/University (Is there a specific department, building or person?)

City State Zip Code

Current Cumulative GPA Expected Graduation Date

High School Information

High School Name Graduation Date Cumulative GPA

High School Address

Please lists any other colleges or universities attended, starting most current first.

Name of College / University Location (State/City) Year(s) Attended

(Circle one) Have you ever worked at the racetrack? Yes No

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ Dates of Employment: _____

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Please list any volunteer, community service, extra-curricular activities, or organizations you are a member of.

Name of Organization

Contact Person

Phone Number or Email

How many years have you received a scholarship from the CTHF? _____

What is the total amount of you have received over the course of those years? _____

To the best of my knowledge all information is current and correct. I understand lying, omitting, or misconstruing any information on this application can cause it to be rejected.

Signature Date



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Scholarship Application for school year of 2022
Parent Information

Parent/Guardian 1:

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Email Address

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Length of time employed at Chicago-Area racetracks: _____

Occupation

Current Employer

List any other employers in the past 12 months

Employer

Months Employed

Parent/Guardian 2:

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Email Address

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Length of time employed at Chicago-Area racetracks: _____

Occupation

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