

# **CHRISTIAN HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

## **2025-2026 Scholarship Application**

**Purpose:** To assist students from Christian families involved in harness racing in continuing their education by providing financial aid to worthy applicants. CHHA sponsors the John & Janet Klark Memorial Scholarship and the Rambling Willie Scholarship. Other memorial scholarships will become available as they are funded and there may be other named scholarships.

**Award amount:** Variable depending on availability of funding.

**Eligibility:** Available to graduating high school seniors and/or students enrolled in an educational institution of higher learning. Students who demonstrate a strong commitment to their Christian faith and are involved in harness racing are encouraged to apply. The Scholarship Committee gives special attention to how the applicant demonstrates his/her Christian faith in daily living and his/her involvement in harness racing, in addition to financial need and the course of study the applicant is undertaking. Students must be full-time and may be enrolled in degree or certificate programs. Graduate students are not eligible.

**Application deadline:** Applications and attachments must be postmarked or emailed on or before **May 31, 2025**. **Emailed applications are preferred**. For paper submissions, mail application and attachments to:

**Lisa Schwartz**  
**P.O. Box 505**  
**Washington CH, OH 43160**  
**[ohicoltracing@gmail.com](mailto:ohicoltracing@gmail.com)**

**Award notification:** Recipients will be announced no later than July 1, 2025. All applicants will be notified of their status.

**Additional information:** Applicant's full name must appear on each page of the application, essay and all other documents submitted. Questions should be directed to:

Lisa Schwartz  
614-778-2480 call/text  
[ohicoltracing@gmail.com](mailto:ohicoltracing@gmail.com)

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**I. Personal Information**

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
(day) (evening) (cell)

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Family Information**

Parents' full names \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' occupations \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (including you) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (including you) in college in 2025 – 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Academic Information**

Current year in high school or college \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of educational institution you plan to attend in 2025 – 2026  
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Degree/certification you are pursuing \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ SAT or ACT scores \_\_\_\_\_

List any scholastic awards you have received. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### IV. Extracurricular Activities

List school, community & volunteer activities you have been involved in for the past 4 years. Please indicate the school year(s) you participated in each activity.

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#### V. Financial Information

Estimated expenses:

Tuition	_____
Room/board	_____
Books	_____
Lab fees	_____
Transportation	_____
Other	_____
 TOTAL	 \$ _____

Estimated funding:

Parents	_____
Scholarships	_____
Loans/grants	_____
Financial aid	_____
Savings	_____
Other	_____
 TOTAL	 \$ _____
 SHORTFALL	 \$ _____

**V. Financial information (cont'd)**

Please be sure to include **all** sources of funding you have or will be receiving and include year(s) received.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
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Note: If you are from a single parent family or your parents are divorced, list **all** sources of funding you will receive from your non-custodial parent or other family members.

Specify amount of current outstanding educational debt for applicant in Section I. (Do not include estimated expenses for academic year 2025-2026.)

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**VI. Work Experience**

List present and previous employment with a description of your job responsibilities.

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**VII. Harness Racing**

Describe your involvement with horses/harness racing.

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**VIII. Personal Essay**

Please attach a *typed or printed* essay detailing your faith, church involvement, mission trips and community involvement. Also discuss the personal qualities that are important in achieving your goals. Describe how your faith, accomplishments and experiences have shaped your character. Explain your educational and career goals and state how receiving a scholarship will impact you.

**IX. Photo Collage**

Please include a single page color photo collage with at least 4 photographs and no more than 8 photographs that is a pictorial view into your involvement with harness racing, church/faith/missions and community involvement. Pictures should be from the past 3 years, you should be in the pictures and they should not include any harness racing win pictures or other copyrighted images.

**X. Accuracy**

I affirm that the above information provided by me is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that a photograph of me may be requested and used as deemed necessary by the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association to promote its scholarship program.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

# CHRISTIAN HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application with attachments.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation dated within the year 2025.
  - Letters should include the address & telephone number of the reference.
  - Required: one letter of recommendation must be from a CHHA member (may be related to you). Others may be from: Pastor, teacher, school counselor, coach, employer, etc.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of acceptance from an institution of higher learning.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript from your latest high school or college (may be a copy).
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of tuition (and room & board if applicable) for 2025-2026 year.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Student Aid Report (SAR) received in response to you filing the FAFSA.
  - Only page one of the FAFSA report listing your EFC (expected family contribution) is required.

## OR

- Page 1 of parent(s)/guardian's IRS tax return (Form 1040 or 1040A) from the immediate prior year (Social Security numbers should be blacked out). Only page one of your 2024 return.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Page 1 of your IRS tax return from immediate prior year, if you filed (Social Security number should be blacked out).
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ Financial aid award letter(s), including other scholarship awards (if applicable).
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ Photo collage as described in Section IX.