

Alabama Open Horseman's Association Scholarship

The 2026 Scholarship will be presented **September 4, 2026, at the 2026 AOHA State Championship Horse Show.**

The scholarship is awarded through a selection process at the local association level then by decision of the AOHA Scholarship Committee; their decision is final.

The scholarship may be awarded only once to any applicant.

To qualify for the scholarship the applicant must:

- Submit the application, with all required documents to **your local AOHA Director** by **July 1, 2026**. (The local Director will be allowed to forward their association's top applicants, which are limited to one (1) per club plus one (1) per association (ex. An association with 4 clubs would be allowed to forward up to 5 applications.)
- Be a member of their local AOHA member association the past two (2) or more years.
- Have shown at the AOHA State Championship Horse Show at least once within the last three (3) years (2023-2025).
- Be a 2026 graduating high school senior.
- Have a high school GPA of at least 3.0.
- Attach the following documents to the application:
 1. High School transcript (official transcript or unofficial transcript with letter from school principal, counselor or advisor attached).
 2. An essay, no more than one (1) page (double spaced) in length, the topic of which should clearly be horse related.
 3. Letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member. (Examples: 4-H, FFA, civic or community leader, pastor, high school principal, teacher, counselor, or advisor)
 4. Letter of recommendation from your local horse club president within your local AOHA member association.
 5. Copy of letter of acceptance from a college, technical or trade school for the 2026/2027 year.
- In a sealed envelope, AOHA Directors are to provide a cover letter, alphabetically naming their association's selected applicants (up to the number allowed for their association) and the associated applications with all attachments, to the AOHA Scholarship Committee at the **July 2026 AOHA meeting in Montgomery**.

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2026 AOHA Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Educational Background: List of schools attended most recent first:

School: _____

Location: _____

Date attended: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

School: _____

Location: _____

Date attended: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

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Applicant's Name: _____

Name of AOHA Member Association: _____

Number of Years as member of above named Association: _____

Local Horse Club Name: _____

From 2023 – 2025, what year(s) did you show at the AOHA State Championship Horse Show?

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Number of siblings: _____

College, Technical or Trade School planning to attend:

Course of Study: _____

Career Goals: _____

The information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. In submitting this application, I understand this scholarship is awarded through a selection process at the local association level then by the decision of the Alabama Open Horseman's Association Scholarship Committee and that their decision is final.

Print name of applicant: _____

Signature of applicant: _____

Print name of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____