



**the RACE for
EDUCATION**



4-H Horse Program 'Leg Up' Scholarship Application

The Race for Education in conjunction with Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) has developed the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program 'Leg Up' Scholarship. This college scholarship, sponsored by the Race for Education, is awarded to one 4-H horse club student in his/her senior year of high school in each 4-H club in Kentucky. Criteria for this scholarship include financial need, communication skills, leadership, and commitment to the agriculture and equine industry.

The \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating student of each club annually. Students may also be eligible to participate in the Race for Education's Assets for Independence Program and receive an additional \$4,000 in scholarship funding.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must;

- be a KY 4-H Horse program student member and active within their KY 4-H Horse chapter;
- currently a High School senior;

Supporting materials that must accompany a completed application and submitted to 4-H Club and county agent by May 20th include:

1. Essay on the following topics: (Maximum of 750 words.);

- a. How do you feel your 4-H experience will impact your future/college ambitions?*
- b. What has been your most rewarding 4-H experience?*
- c. What interests do you have outside the equine industry or chosen career field?*

2. Brief description of **career goals that addresses the following:**

What college major do you plan to focus on? Please describe what steps you will take over the next 5 to 10 years to gain the experience and skills to become an expert in these areas. (Maximum of 750 words.);

3. Current official **transcript (seal can be broken);**

****All scholarships are \$250 unless recipient qualifies for the Assets for Independence (AFI) Federal grant program available through The Race For Education. If a student meets Federal guidelines and completes the grant program, the student receives the \$250 scholarship for the fall term then as part of the grant program receives an additional \$4,000 in grant funding for their spring term. Extensive information about the program is provided after scholarship recipients are notified of selection committee's decisions in June. The AFI program only open to US residents.***

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Please provide information current for the summer of application year.

Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____

Current address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary email: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School graduating from: _____

Date of High School graduation: _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Current cumulative GPA: _____ on a scale of 1 to _____ (*Include official transcript*)

Intended college major: _____

Why did you choose this major? _____

Are you an KY 4-H Club member? _____ 4-H County/ Club? _____

Have you applied for a Race For Education Scholarship in the past? Yes No Year: _____

Community Involvement and Leadership:

List extracurricular activities and note any special recognition, leadership roles and honors. Feel free to attach a resume.

Financial Information:

Amount of **TUITION** for academic year at college you attend/will be attending: _____

Have you applied for or received financial aid? No Yes

(Attach a copy of financial aid or scholarship award letter.)

Have we missed anything?

Should we be aware of any issues or circumstances not previously addressed that are pertinent to your application?
(Attach separate sheet if necessary.)

Verification of Information

I hereby certify the statements recorded in this application are true and accurate. I meet all requirements set forth by The Race For Education. I understand that if any statement presented in this application is untrue, I may be disqualified from consideration. If selected as a recipient of a Race For Education scholarship, I understand that I may be listed as a recipient and my image used in various publications. Additional financial information may be requested prior to award decision.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian, if applicant is 18 years of age or younger:

_____ Date: _____

Assets for Independence Grant Program

The Race For Education offers additional funds through the Race For Education/ Administration for Children & Families Assets for Independence grant program (AFI). Eligible scholarship recipients agree to reach a savings goal of \$500 in an individual development savings account in their name at a specified bank over a period of 6-8 months. In return, the federal government's AFI program and The Race For Education will match that with \$2,000 each (for a total of \$4,000). The student's savings, the matching funds, and any interest that has accrued, is the student's but must be used to pay college expenses and is sent directly to their school. Financial eligibility restrictions apply. If you are interested in hearing more about this program, check the appropriate box below and complete the attached Financial Need Verification Program:

I am interested in hearing more about this program.

I am not interested in participating

STUDENTS: Submit completed application and all supporting materials to your 4-H club and county agent by May 20, 2016. If the application and supporting materials are not received by May 20, 2016, the application will NOT be forwarded to The Race For Education Selection Committee for consideration.

Applications will be reviewed by each 4-H club and/or county agent and then must be sent by the agent to The Race For Education, 1818 Versailles Road, Lexington, KY 40504 and postmarked by May 30, 2016. All applicants will be notified by June 15, 2016. Inquiries about the scholarships may be directed to The Race For Education at (859) 252-8648. For more information about The Race For Education, email info@raceforeducation.org or visit www.raceforeducation.org.