



**Scholarship Application**  
**for school year of 2024**  
**is due July 12, 2024.**



### **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.**

**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](mailto:George@itharacing.com) or [Mena@itharacing.com](mailto:Mena@itharacing.com)**

You should order your transcripts at least two weeks before the scholarship applications are due because 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 directly from the school to [George@itharacing.com](mailto:George@itharacing.com) or [Mena@itharacing.com](mailto:Mena@itharacing.com)**

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. Please understand that if you do not provide this address, 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.

If you change schools AFTER the scholarship deadline it 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, please provide your parents' 2023 taxes **if they claim you as a dependent**, or your 2023 taxes if you filed separately.

**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.**



**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 Hawthorne during 2023 and 2024.

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.
5. Household income may not exceed \$100,000 per year to qualify.

**MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024.** Mailing address: IBCF, 7301 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 321, North Riverside, IL 60546. Email to: [George@itharacing.com](mailto:George@itharacing.com)

Failure to submit **ALL** documents by **July 12, 2024**, will result in an incomplete application and the applicant will **NOT** be considered for the prospective scholarship.

**Types of Scholarships Available**

**A minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required for all scholarships:**

- Two Year Program
- Four Year Program
- Graduate Program
- Equine Veterinary Scholarship
- Trade School (Farrier, Automotive, Electrician, Plumbing, Computer Information Systems, HVAC Technician, etc.)
- Equine/Agricultural Major

Entries will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of the IBCF. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and will be awarded based on GPA, quality of work submitted, academic record, financial need, 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 obtaining any documents, please let us know at least a week before the application due date.**



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## Checklist

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

|   |   |     |
|---|---|-----|
| Date  |   |     |
| Full Name of Applicant  |   | Age |
| <b><u>Type of School</u></b>  |   |     |
| Two-Year <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | Equine Veterinary <input type="checkbox"/>            |     |
| Four-Year <input type="checkbox"/>                                    | Equine / Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>        |     |
| Graduate Program <input type="checkbox"/>                             | Farrier or Trade <input type="checkbox"/>             |     |
| <b><u>New Applicants</u></b>  |   |     |
| IBCF Scholarship Application <input type="checkbox"/>                 |   |     |
| Official High School and College Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> |   |     |
| GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____  |   |     |
| Letter of Acceptance <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   |     |
| Class Schedule <input type="checkbox"/>                               |   |     |
| Letter of Recommendation (Signed and sealed) <input type="checkbox"/> |   |     |
| Tax Returns <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |   |     |
| Copies of Illinois IDs <input type="checkbox"/>                       |   |     |
| Copies of 2024 IRB License <input type="checkbox"/>                   |   |     |
| Creative Submission <input type="checkbox"/>                          |   |     |
| <b><u>Returning Applicants</u></b>                                    |   |     |
|   | IBCF Scholarship Application <input type="checkbox"/> |     |
|   | Official College Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> |     |
|   | GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____                            |     |
|   | Class Schedule <input type="checkbox"/>               |     |
|   | Tax Returns <input type="checkbox"/>                  |     |
|   | Copies of Illinois IDs <input type="checkbox"/>       |     |
|   | Copies of 2024 IRB License <input type="checkbox"/>   |     |
|   | Creative Submission <input type="checkbox"/>          |     |

Notes:

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Note: Certain colleges or universities require scholarship grantors (in this case the IBCF) 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](mailto:George@itharacing.com)





# Scholarship Application for school year of 2024

## Parent(s) 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       |               |
| <b>List any other employers in the past 12 months</b>     |                        |               |
| <u>Employer</u>   | <u>Months Employed</u> |               |
| _____   | _____                  |               |
| _____   | _____                  |               |

### 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  | Current Employer       |               |
| <b>List any other employers in the past 12 months</b>     |                        |               |
| <u>Employer</u>   | <u>Months Employed</u> |               |
| _____   | _____                  |               |
| _____   | _____                  |               |

**Reminder: We need a copy of your parents' Illinois IDs and IRB IDs**



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## **Academic Record Information**

### **Current University**

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

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Name of College/University

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

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City

State

Zip Code

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Current Cumulative GPA

Expected Graduation Date

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

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Name of College / University

Location (State/City)

Year(s) Attended

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## **High School Information**

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High School Name

Graduation Date

Cumulative GPA

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High School Address

## **Scholar Agreement**

I have read and understood every part of this scholarship application. To the best of my knowledge all information is current and correct. I understand that my creative submission(s) might be shared with third parties (i.e., legislators, public media, and/or social media) and I might be contacted by the ITHA or IBCF for a follow up interview. I understand lying, omitting, or misconstruing any information on this application can cause it to be rejected or cause future scholarship applications to be denied.

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Signature

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Date



## Scholarship Application for school year of 2024

### **Creative Prompts**

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#### **GOOD NEWS!**

**This year we will not be requesting an essay. This year we are requesting you be creative with your scholarship submissions. However, here are some guidelines:**

#### **Option 1 - Create a video**

The video should be a minimum of 3 minutes with a maximum of 5 minutes. The video can be about any of the following topics, or a combination of the following topics: horse racing, life on the backstretch, and/or your career goals and how they will improve the backstretch community.

#### **Option 2 - Write and recite a poem**

Essentially, the same rules as the video but this can be audio only. It could be acapella or accompanied by music. The poem or song should be a minimum of 3 minutes with a maximum of 5 minutes. The poem can be about any of the following topics, or a combination of the following topics: horse racing, life on the backstretch, and/or your career goals and how they will improve the backstretch community.

#### **Option 3 - Artistic expression**

Compile a small portfolio showcasing your best artwork. This could include drawings, paintings, or sculptures, or another form of visual art, however pictures are not allowed as they are too easy to submit. This art will be showcased at the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association office for people to admire.

**Option 4 - Interview an individual you consider to be a mentor. Via audio/video presentation, then describe the impact that person has had on your decisions and goals.**

#### **Other options:**

**If you have another idea or project, feel free to contact George Moreno at [George@itharacing.com](mailto:George@itharacing.com) and ask questions.**