

January 1, 2021

Dear Draft Horse Exhibitor:

On behalf of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship Committee, I would like to make you aware of a scholarship opportunity sponsored by KILE. This scholarship is open to any KILE Draft Horse exhibitor who has shown Draft Horses or Draft Ponies at KILE. The applicant must also be enrolled in a degree or certification program at a post-secondary or graduate level educational institution. Awards will be based on academics, community leadership, agricultural activities and KILE involvement. There will be at least one \$750 scholarship awarded.

You may find the Draft Horse scholarship application on the KILE website, www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us, under **Forms and Brochures**, then **Draft Horse Exhibitor Scholarship Application**.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, please take the time to apply. You may become our KILE Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship recipient. **All applications must be postmarked by June 15.**

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association also offers **Outstanding 4-H Youth Awards**. Application deadline for these awards is **August 15**. This application may also be found on the PLA website www.palivestockassoc.org under Scholarships. Feel free to apply if you are eligible.

Sincerely,

J. Harrison Frantz
General Manager

2021 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition's (KILE) Draft Horse Committee will award one \$750 cash scholarship to an outstanding youth who has exhibited draft horses or draft ponies at KILE. The funds raised from the Draft Horse Youth Benefit Silent Auction have been dedicated to the KILE Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship. Recipient will be recognized at the show during the Saturday evening performance.

Application Procedure

Applications are available on the KILE website at www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us or by contacting the KILE Office at 717-787-2905. The Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) website also has a link to the application on their website at www.palivestockassoc.org. Applications must be completed in full, be accompanied by the required documentation, and postmarked no later than **June 15**, for evaluation, rating and selection.

The completed applications should be sent to: Questions about the applications can be directed to:

Keystone International Livestock Exposition
Attention: Draft Horse Scholarship
Farm Show Complex
2300 North Cameron St
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443
Phone 717-787-2905
Fax: 717-705-9900
kile@pa.gov

KILE Show Office
717-787-2905
kile@pa.gov

Applicant Eligibility

To qualify for this scholarship, the applicant must have exhibited draft horses or ponies in the youth classes at KILE and be between the ages of 17 and 25. The applicant must be enrolled in a degree (undergraduate or graduate) or certificate program at a post-secondary educational institution (college, university, trade, or technical school). This criterion is to demonstrate that the applicant is both qualified and committed to attend an educational institution. There is no stipulation about the type of major or program interest the applicant is pursuing to be eligible for this scholarship. Applicants must submit a copy of the current semester paid tuition bill and an unofficial transcript if one or more semesters have been completed to verify the applicant's enrollment. If the applicant is an entering freshman and he or she receives the scholarship, a copy of the paid tuition invoice must be submitted as soon as it is paid-in-full to remain eligible for the scholarship. Previous winners of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

Enclose a recent photograph, no smaller than 2 in. by 3 in., to be used for publicity purposes. Please limit font size to no more than 12 point and margins to no less than 1 inch. Awards will be based on academics, community leadership, agricultural activities, and KILE involvement.

Evaluation Procedure

For purposes of evaluation of applicants, selection committees will be chosen by the KILE Draft Horse Committee to review the applications. Applications submitted without the appropriate materials will be considered as incomplete and will not be considered. The recommendations of the scholarship evaluation committees will be referred to the KILE Draft Horse Committee for final approval. An evaluation sheet is attached for your reference.

2021 KILE Draft Horse Youth Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

County: _____ Home Phone: _____

School Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Academic Information

Name of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Class Ranking: _____

Scholastic Average for High School: _____ GPA (Grade Scale): _____

(If scholastic average is not a numerical percent (ex. 98.6%), it must be presented with the grade scale on which it is based – ex. 3.87 on 4.0 scale.)

Name of Post Secondary Institution Attending: _____

Location of Institution: _____

Degree, Certification, or Training Sought: _____

Major or Field of Study: _____

Date Post Secondary Education Began: _____ No. of Semesters Completed: _____

College GPA: _____ *(Unofficial transcript must be provided if one or more semesters have been completed.)*

KILE Exhibition

Year(s) you exhibited draft horses or ponies at KILE: _____

Farm(s)/Exhibitor(s) you showed under when exhibiting draft horses or ponies at KILE: _____

Activities

Leadership potential and character should be demonstrated through the applicant's responses to the following categories (limit to three pages):

1. KILE Involvement
2. Draft Horse and/or Agricultural Organizations
3. School
4. Community
5. Personal Goals and Future Plans

Additional Information

On additional paper, briefly answer the following questions (limit to three pages).

1. How have you benefited from raising and/or exhibiting draft horses?
2. What positive effects has agriculture had on your life?
3. Explain why you decided upon your choice of continuing education.
4. How do you plan to use your education to contribute to the agriculture industry or society in general?

Letters of Recommendation

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain and submit three letters of recommendation with the completed application. Letters may be either typed or handwritten and should include the name, address, and daytime phone number of the person making the recommendation, as well as an indication of the person's relationship to the applicant (teacher, 4-H leader, employer, etc.). Relatives of the applicant may not be included as personal references. Letters of recommendation should indicate knowledge of the applicant's character, involvement in extracurricular activities, determination to pursue further education, and any other factors which will assist evaluation.

List of References:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Daytime Phone</u>

Letters are to be placed in an envelope and sealed, with the applicant's name on the front of the envelope, and the signature of the person providing the reference across the seal. The applicant **MUST** submit the references with his or her application.

Application deadline: June 15

Scholarship Application Checklist

NOTE: Submit this completed checklist with the application materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered and applications MUST be signed.

- _____ Personal Contact information completed
- _____ Academic information completed
- _____ Responses to Activities section enclosed (limit to three pages)
- _____ Responses to Additional Questions enclosed (limit to two pages)
- _____ Copy of tuition payment receipt enclosed
- _____ Unofficial transcript enclosed
- _____ Letters of Recommendation (three) enclosed
- _____ Photo enclosed

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete. If selected to receive a KILE Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship, I understand I am expected to attend the scholarship presentation program, if possible, and use the scholarship to further my post secondary education.

In support of my application for a KILE Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship, I the undersigned, attest that the information submitted in the application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I am a student in good standing with the academic institution disclosed in my application, that I have not committed any acts or failed to do anything that would affect my good standing status, and no charges or actions by this institution have been initiated or are pending against me by this institution. Additionally, I have never previously been a recipient of the KILE Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship.

Applicants grant the KILE Draft Horse Committee permission to use their names, information and likeness in connection with scholarship publicity and media releases.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applications MUST be postmarked by June 15!

2021 KILE Draft Horse Youth Exhibitor Scholarship Evaluation Sheet

Applicant's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

I. Academic information (5 points)

- A. High School GPA
- B. Post Secondary GPA (if one or more semesters completed)

II. Activities (10 points each, 50 points total)

- A. KILE Involvement
- B. Draft Horse and/or Agricultural Organizations
- C. School (high school and post secondary)
- D. Community
- E. Personal Goals and Future Plans

III. Additional Information (10 points each, 40 points total)

- A. How have you benefited from raising and/or exhibiting draft horses?
- B. What positive effects has agriculture had on your life?
- C. Explain why you decided upon your choice of continuing education.
- D. How do you plan to use your education to contribute to the agriculture industry or to society in general?

IV. Quality of References (5 points)

TOTAL POINTS (out of 100)

Comments: