

THE HORSE FARM WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

29 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018-2019 -- AND BOARD CHANGES

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SCHOLARSHIPS.

Twenty-nine scholarships have been awarded for the 2018-2019 school year by the Horse Farm Workers' Educational Assistance Fund. Since inception in 1996, the Fund has awarded 658 annual scholarships totaling \$1,442,026 to children of full-time horse farm workers in central Kentucky.

Scholarships are awarded for education or skill training after high school and are based upon financial need, merit, biographical essays, and personal interviews. Scholarships are also available for full-time horse farm workers in central Kentucky who wish to take equine related training or courses to help them be more knowledgeable and effective while working with Thoroughbred horses.

BOARD ELECTIONS.

Co-founder **Tom Evans** of Trackside Farm is newly elected **President**.

Dan Pride, Chief Operating Officer of Godolphin, USA, is newly elected **Vice-President**.

Judge Wilson, General Counsel for Berea College will continue as **Secretary**.

Mary Ryan, Educator and Horsewoman, is newly elected as **Board Member and Treasurer**.

Stu Pollard, Educator and Filmmaker, is newly elected as **Board Member**.

Co-founder **Rob Whiteley** and veterinarian **Chet Blackey** will continue as **Board Members**.

Carl Pollard is **Advisor to the Board**.

Muffy Stuart is **Coordinator of the Fund** and communicates with scholars throughout the year.

SCHOLARS AND SCHOOLS:

Riley Alexander - Eastern KY U

Wally Bober - U of Kentucky

Danielle Burkhead - KY Wesleyan U

Sofia Calleja - U of Louisville

Ciara Farrell - Georgetown College

Audrey Francis - U of Kentucky

Dylan Gilbert - Murray State U

Yigit Guvercin - UK - Gatton College

Alex Hernandez - U of Kentucky

Juan Hernandez - U of Kentucky

Lupe Macias - U of Kentucky

Mauri Nevarez - Midway U

Alondra Perez-Islas - JCTC**

Joshua Reams - Liberty U

Kenzie Trent - Asbury U

Patrick Autry - Chase Law School - NKU

Abby Branham - Murray State U

Andres Calleja - BCTC*

Caleb Carr - Transylvania U

Sarah Farrell - U of Kentucky

Eduardo Garcia - Eastern KY U

Trenton Gilbert - U of NW Ohio

Jayden Hamilton - Campbellsville U

Karina Hernandez - BCTC*

Ruth Hughes - U of Notre Dame

Peyton Mathes - Centre College

Claire Nickell - Asbury U

Caleb Reams - Asbury U

Leslee Tapia Reyna - Indiana U Southeast

*Bluegrass Community and Technical College **Jefferson Community and Technical College

Four Horse Farm scholarship recipients also distinguish themselves as Pollard Scholars at the University of Kentucky: Sarah Farrell, Audrey Francis, Wally Bober, and Lupe Macias.

FARMS REPRESENTED:

Qualifying parents of scholars are employed full-time by one of the following central Kentucky Thoroughbred farms:

Ashview, Betz Thoroughbreds (2), Bradley Farm and Racing, Brownwood, Chesapeake, Denali, Don Alberto, Godolphin USA (10), Hermitage (3), Indian Ridge, Magdalena, Parkland Farm, Oliver Racing, Shawnee Farm, Spendthrift, Stock Place Farm, Stoneview (2), and Upson Downs.

QUOTES AND PROGRAM DETAILS:

Outgoing President, Rob Whiteley, said, "Looking back over 50 years in the horse industry, my association with so many amazing scholars and the wonderful volunteer Board members stands out as the highlight of my long career with horses. This Fund recognizes and pays tribute to farm workers who are the backbone of our breeding industry and provide the foundation for racing across America.

In short, these young people and parents are an industry treasure. Year after year I am struck with how the parents of these scholars have instilled an incredible work ethic into their children. These outstanding young scholars consistently impress the Board with their ability, motivation, energy, enthusiasm, and accomplishments. Frequently, our scholars are the first in their families to pursue secondary education. Some of them would not be able to succeed without our assistance.

Many of our scholars work 20 or more hours per week at one or more jobs while carrying a full course load. Our main goal while helping these great young people pursue their dreams is to award enough money so that they can make school work their number one priority without incurring a huge burden of long-term student loan debt."

Newly elected President and co-founder, Tom Evans, states, "It is a very great honor to step into this new role and to help the Fund continue to grow. Our Board is further strengthened with the addition of Mary Ryan and Stu Pollard. Well known at the sales, Mary has been a Dean of Students and teacher at Lexington's Sayre School. Stu Pollard knows the horse industry, produces and directs films under his Lunacy Productions, and has been a professor of film at the University of Southern California.

We are very grateful to many contributors who have so generously supported and valued this Fund. Contributors include the Carl Pollard Foundation, Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club, Kentucky Owners and Breeders, KTA, Thoroughbred Charities of America, Godolphin, Fasig Tipton, Keeneland, Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Race For Education, the Crafty Prospector Syndicate, W.T. Young, The Hilary Boone Foundation, William Marquard, and many other individual donors.

Investing in these great young people is an investment in the industry as many of our scholars return to pursue careers with horses or agriculture. Several have already distinguished themselves (including a Director of Racing at a major North American track). Many who choose careers outside the industry have made their mark in nursing, education, social work, theology, and business."

DONATIONS AND APPLICATIONS:

Donations are much appreciated and tax deductible as the Fund is a 501(c)(3). Donations may be sent to HFWEAF, 2938 Four Pines Drive, Lexington, KY, 40502. As all officers and Board members serve on a volunteer basis, over 90% of donor monies flow through to scholarship recipients. Applications are available in April with a July 1st deadline. In-person interviews with the Board are

held during mid-July. For more information, please call 859-269-1719.
www.horsefarmworkerseducationfund.com.