



## **SBOA & BCAP Scholarship Award Qualifications & Instructions**



The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOA of NJ) & The Backstretch Community Assistance Program of New Jersey (BCAP of NJ) will award scholarships to qualified students who plan on attending a 4 or 2 year college or university. The following will describe the scholarship and the procedures and conditions for filing an application.

### **Standards for Consideration**

#### **Eligibility:**

- Candidates must be either a son or daughter of a full-time participant in New Jersey Harness horse racing OR be a fulltime participant in New Jersey harness horse racing. Only one candidate per household will be considered.

#### **Educational Requirements:**

- The applicant must be either a high school senior or attending a 2 or 4 year college/university.
- He or she must have taken the S.A.T. or A.C.T test.
- The applicant must have been accepted or currently attending a college or university

#### **Financial Need:**

- Financial need will be assessed based upon the following
  - Parents annual income
  - Special family circumstances
  - The number and educational financial needs of other siblings within the household

#### **Other Consideration:**

- An Applicant will be considered, in addition to the aforementioned criteria, based upon the following information:
  - Students involvement in community volunteering
  - Extracurricular academic involvement
  - Evidence of a strong character and leadership skills
  - Interest and pursuance in the equine industry.
  - First consideration will be given to new qualified applicants.

### **Application Information**

Completed Applications must include, in order, the following material:

1. A cover letter
2. Completed SBOA/ BCAP of NJ Scholarship Application.
3. A Letter of recommendation from either a school official or community leader.
4. School transcripts which indicates student's most recent rank in class. If applicant is currently attending a college or university, he or she should include last completed semester report card.

5. Copy of applicant's scores on the College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Test (S.A.T.) or the American College Testing Program (A.C.T.). (these scores are not necessary for applicants who are already attending a college or university)
6. Parent's most recent Tax return.
7. Any other information the applicant deems relevant to the selection process should be included as an appendix.

**Any incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Applications must be post marked by the last Friday in June and should be addressed as follows:**

SBOA of NJ  
Scholarship Committee  
64 Business Rt. 33  
Manalapan, NJ 07726

### **Additional Information:**

1. **Obtaining an Application:** Applications will be made available through the following:
  - a. Call or stop by the SBOA office in Manalapan
  - b. SBOA office at Freehold Raceway (SBOA Representative Linda Goss)
  - c. SBOA office at Meadowlands Racetrack (SBOA Representative Linda Goss)
  - d. BCAP offices at Meadowlands or Gaitway Farm (Dr. Chris Samaha)
  - e. SBOA website: [www.sboanj.com](http://www.sboanj.com)
2. **Term of Scholarship:** The SBOA of NJ Scholarship is awarded annually and is predicated on continued performance. Applicants are expected to be at least the 75 percentile of their class and perform up to their potential.
3. **Scholarship Amounts:** The award is contingent on the amount of qualified and deserving applicants and financial need. Minimum annual amount is \$2,500.00 with a Maximum of \$5,000.00 based upon the aforementioned conditions. Furthermore, there is a \$10,000 lifetime cap awarded to each individual.
4. **Committees Decision:** The committee will meet the first week of July to review all applicants. A decision will be rendered and applicants will be notified, via mail, by mid July.
5. **Disbursement of Scholarship:** The scholarship amounts will be disbursed to the award winners within 2 weeks of the aforementioned application deadline.