

# MQHA

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## **2026 Athletic Development Scholarship** **Open to Youth and Adult Amateurs**

MQHA encourages the athletic development of youth and adult amateurs who have a keen focus on horsemanship and equine health, building on skillsets for the show ring, sports psychology and wellbeing, and participating in MQHA and other AQHA events.

MQHA is offering a \$500 scholarship to a youth or adult amateur that can be used towards:

- Attending a clinic hosted by MQHA or another provincial AQHA affiliate
- Lessons from a professional trainer who actively participates in AQHA shows. Location of lessons must be within Canada and in Canadian funds. Virtual lessons do not qualify. (trainer/coach must have shown in AQHA classes within the last two years)
- Coaching from a professional trainer/coach at MQHA shows during the 2026 season

### **Criteria:**

- Applicant must be a Youth or Adult Amateur as defined by AQHA
- Applicant may be a current MQHA member or someone interested in becoming an MQHA member and attending MQHA events
- Scholarship funds will either be sent directly to the trainer/coach with provided invoice or recipient may be reimbursed with proof of receipts

The Applicant must submit an essay of 500 words or less describing why athletic development is important to them and their equine partner and how they would like to use the scholarship funds if selected. MQHA Scholarship Committee will review and respond to all applicants.

### **Timeline:**

**Applications must be emailed no later than Monday, April 6, 2026 to: [info@mqha.ca](mailto:info@mqha.ca)**

The successful applicant will be notified by Friday, April 17, 2026. A presentation for the scholarship will be at the Summer Sizzler, during the Year End Awards Celebration.

Please complete the application in the spaces provided. Documents may be added as a Word or PDF file. Email completed form and attachments to info@mqha.ca by Monday, April 6, 2026.

## MQHA Scholarship Application

Are you a Youth or Adult Amateur?  Yes  No

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been a MQHA Member?  Yes  No

Address: City, Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Legal Guardians (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to MQHA publishing my name, picture and short bio if selected for the scholarship  Yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Guardian for youth under 18 years old

### EQUINE/AGRICULTURE RELATED ACTIVITIES

Please list any equine or agriculture related clubs, associations or activities in which you have participated:

Please note any offices you have held or volunteering opportunities you have had through your equine or agriculture related clubs, associations or events:

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