



**Maryland Standardbred Industry
Thomas Cooke Scholarship
Overview for School Year 2026/2027**

Application Criteria:

Please select all that apply

- Resident of Prince George's or Worcester County (Maryland)
- Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association Member or family member
- Rosecroft Raceway or Ocean Downs Racetrack Employee or family member

Section 1: Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Contact Method: Phone Email

Section 2: Academic Information

Current School/Institution: _____

Grade Level/Year: _____

Intended Field of Study or Career Goal:

Section 3: Standardbred Involvement

Describe your relationship/involvement with Standardbred Horses.
(Check all that apply and briefly explain)

- Ownership or leasing
- Racing or training
- Grooming or care
- Volunteering/working at a farm or racetrack
- Organization participation (e.g., 4-H, HHYF)
- List any membership in Standardbred Organizations/Associations:

Other:

Explanation of Other (Attach documentation or use space below): *(You may attach a separate page if needed)*

Section 4: Personal Essay or Video

Essay/Video Title: _____

Attach a typed essay (500–750 words) or video (2 -3 minutes) addressing the following:

- Your experience with Standardbred Horses
- How this experience has influenced your personal growth and goals
- Your academic and/or career aspirations
- Why this scholarship is important to you

Section 5: Supporting Documents

(Please check and attach the following required items)

- Completed Application Form
- Personal Essay
- (2) Letters of Recommendation (non-family members)
- Proof of Standardbred Involvement (e.g., letter, photos, records)

Section 6: Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified information will result in disqualification.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(if under 18)

Submission Instructions:

Submit completed applications by March 31, 2026 to:
Email: scholarships@marylandstandardbreds.com

Or Mail: Maryland Standardbred Horsemen's Assistance Fund, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1732, Temple Hills MD 20757

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.