



**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
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**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

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**Section 2: Academic Information**

Current School/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Field of Study or Career Goal:

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### 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:

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☐ Other:

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

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### 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

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### 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)

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### Submission Instructions:

Submit completed applications by March 31, 2026 to:

**Email:** [scholarships@marylandstandardbreds.com](mailto: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.**