



### **The Keara Belle Obrzut Equitation Grant**

Keara Belle Obrzut was an avid horse show competitor, who passed in August of 2019. To remember her young life, her parents along with the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association, have established this grant fund in her name:

### **The Keara Belle Obrzut Equitation Grant**

This grant will be awarded to two (2) current MHJA members per show season, who have qualified to ride in an MHJA Regular Member Medal Final. The grant will be awarded to riders who best meet the guidelines set forth below in order to participate at the MHJA Regular Member Medal Finals Horse Show.

The KBO Equitation Grant will provide financial assistance of \$500 to two (2) riders.

- Entry fees and stall at the MHJA Horse Show Medal Finals held in the calendar year in which the grant was received.
- Overage funds will cover additional show-related expenses incurred by the recipient while attending the MHJA Horse Shows Regular Medal Finals, such as trainer fees, braiding fees, or shipping fees.

### **Guidelines**

- 1) Previous recipients of the KBO Equitation Grant may not reapply.
- 2) The KBO Equitation Grant will require the following:

Riders complete contact information

- a. Letter of reference from trainer. Sealed with trainer's signature over envelope closure flap.
- b. Two (2) additional letters of reference from non-family members
- c. Two-part essay, not to exceed one typed page, describing:

- i. How attendance at this year's medal finals will help you as a rider to accomplish current goals, and how it will help direct you in setting new ones.
- ii. The impact a \$500 grant will have on your ability to attend MHJA Regular Member Medal Finals.

The Keara Belle Obrzut Equitation Grant Committee will review all applications, and award two (2) riders, based upon who best meets the criteria of the guidelines.

The deadline for applications is August 16, 2020, and recipients will be notified by August 31, 2020.

Applications must be received by the MHJA office on or before August 16, 2020. You may mail or email your application.

Mail completed application packet (see point 2 of the guidelines above) to:

MHJA Office, 4915 Granger Road, Oxford, MI 48371

(Due to COVID-19 and unexpected delays in mail, along with the timely nature of the deadline, should you mail your application in, please consider using an overnight service.)

Applications submitted via email due to COVID-19, must refer to the guidelines below:

- 1) Applicant must email their complete contact information, name of trainer that will be submitting a letter of reference, the names of who both letters of reference will be coming from, and the 2-part essay.
- 2) Letters of reference must be emailed to the [mhjaclerk@gmail.com](mailto:mhjaclerk@gmail.com) with the subject line: KBO Grant: (Applicants Name)