



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:

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This grant will be awarded to four (4) current MHJA members per show season, who have qualified to ride in an MHJA Regular Member or C & Pony 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 and C & Pony Medal Finals Horse Shows. The four (4) grants will be awarded to Regular Member and C & Pony Medal Finalists.

The KBO Equitation Grant will provide financial assistance of \$500 to four (4) riders.

- a. Entry fees and stall at the MHJA Horse Show Medal Finals held in the calendar year in which the grant was received.
- b. Overage funds will cover additional show-related expenses incurred by the recipient while attending the MHJA Horse Shows 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:
 - 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 describing:
 1. 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.

2. The impact of receiving a \$500 grant will have on your ability to attend MHJA Horse Shows Medal Finals.

The Keara Belle Obrzut Equitation Grant Committee will review all applications, and award four (4) riders, based upon who best meets the criteria of the guidelines.

The deadline for Regular Member applicants is no later than 1 week after the completion of the last Regular Member MHJA Show prior to Regular Member Medal Finals. For C & Pony applicants, the deadline is no later than 1 week after the completion of the last C & Pony MHJA Show prior to C & Pony Medal Finals.

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 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, 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 mhjaclerk@gmail.com with the subject line: KBO Grant (Applicants Name)