

NYTHA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Program Guidelines

The NYTHA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that it is offering scholarship awards to qualified backstretch employees and their direct dependents to further their education at a college/university/trade or professional school of their choice. Either full-time or part-time, and the scholarship is open to any field of study. At present, priority is given to students pursuing undergraduate degrees, but graduate studies are considered. This application must be received by NYTHA no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 20, 2020**, to qualify. Applications received after **April 20, 2020**, will be **DISQUALIFIED**. An incomplete application or an application that does not meet eligibility requirements will not be considered for this scholarship.

Selection and Notification Process

The NYTHA Scholarship Committee reviews all applications, and scholarships are awarded based on merit, strength of written essay, quality of work submitted, academic record, and financial need. Household income may not exceed \$100,000 per year to qualify. The Committee reserves the right to review income and family financial records to establish a financial need. All scholarship applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision no later than July 31, 2020, via mail or email. If you are a recipient of a NYTHA scholarship grant, your notification letter or email will give you the instructions you are required follow in order to have the funds sent to your school. Scholarship funds will be distributed during the fall and spring semesters, and sent directly to the school.

Financial Information

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their completed 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and the Student Aid Report (SAR). If you have not received your Student Aid Report, or do not meet the eligibility criteria for FAFSA, you **MUST** submit family financial records, including tax returns.

Interviews and Consultation with College Financial Aid Advisor, Barry Fox

All applicants are required to meet with NYTHA's College Financial Aid Advisor, Mr. Barry Fox. In addition, personal interviews with the Scholarship Committee are required for all **new** applicants.

Required Written Essay

On a separate page, write an essay of no more than 300 words stating your reason(s) for requesting this scholarship and attach the essay to the completed application. Failure to complete the required essay will **DISQUALIFY** your application.

Required School Transcript

You must include your most recent college or high school transcript verifying your academic record. To qualify for this scholarship, you must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

Mailing address

Please mail completed scholarship application and all supporting documents to the following address:

NYTHA, Inc.
P. O. Box 170070
Jamaica, NY 11417

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dionne Johnson at (718) 848-5045 or send email to: nythascholarship@gmail.com.



**New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.
Scholarship Application 2020/2021**

Student Information

First Name Middle Last Name

Social Security Number

Date of birth (mo/day/yr)

Gender Male Female

Native Country

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

Current Address

Number Street Apt

City State Zip code

Home Phone Cellular

Email Address

Student Information

Are you currently working at the racetrack? Yes No

Length of time employed at the racetrack: _____ NYRA badge number: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Present occupation: _____ Employer's telephone number: _____

Total Income for 2019: _____ Estimated Income for 2020: _____

Did you file taxes last year: Yes No

List any volunteer or community service or extra-curricular activities: _____

List any academic honors and awards while in high school or college: _____

List your hobbies: _____



**New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.
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Parent/Guardian Information

Father/Guardian _____
 Last Name First Name Date of birth (mo/day/yr)

Mother/Guardian _____
 Last Name First Name Date of birth (mo/day/yr)

Home Address: _____
 Number Street Apt

 City State Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Employment History

Father/Guardian Employer: _____

Is Father/Guardian currently working at the racetrack? Yes No Length of time employed at racetrack: _____

Length of time with current employer: _____ Employer's telephone number: _____

Occupation: _____ NYRA badge number: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Cellular number: _____

Total Income for 2019: _____ Estimated Income for 2020: _____

Mother/Guardian Employer: _____

Is Mother/Guardian currently working at the racetrack? Yes No Length of time employed at the racetrack: _____

Length of time with current employer: _____ Employer's telephone number: _____

Occupation: _____ NYRA badge number: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Cellular number: _____

Total Income for 2019: _____ Estimated Income for 2020: _____



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High School Name: _____

High School GPA: _____ Date of High School Graduation: _____

SAT/ACT Scores: _____

Name of Current College/University/Trade or Professional School: _____

Current College Cumulative GPA: _____ Expected College Graduation Date: _____

College Status in September 2020: freshman sophomore junior senior graduate

Name of College/University/Trade or Professional School you will be attending in fall 2020: _____

College/University/Trade or Professional School Information (list in order of preference)

Name of Institution	Accepted/Applied/Attending (choose one)	Intended Major	Projected Annual School Expenses for 2020-2021	G.P.A.

List all private grants/financial aid/scholarships received last year 2019-2020

Name	Amount	Source
PELL Grant 2019-2020		
TAP Grant 2019-2020		
NYTHA Grant 2019-2020		
Financial Aid/Private/School Grants/2019-2020		
Anticipated Grants 2020-2021		

Have you applied for or received financial aid? Yes No

Did you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Form for 2020-2021? Yes No
(Attach copy to application) If you have not completed the FAFSA form, you may do so at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

Did you receive your financial aid award letter(s) for 2020-2021? Yes No (Attach copy)

Required Written Essay: On a separate page describe in your own words why you are applying for this scholarship (Attach essay to application). Failure to complete the required essay portion will **DISQUALIFY** your eligibility to receive a scholarship award.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL DATA PLANNING FORM

SECTION I: Information & Household Information

Parents' Names: Last _____

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Are you the student's birth parents? _____

Marital status: Married _____ Separated: _____ Divorced: _____ Widowed: _____

Parent retired? Yes: _____ No: _____

Age of oldest parent: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work phone number: _____

How many family members live in the home? _____

Student's Name: Last _____ First _____

Student: Undergraduate _____ Graduate: _____

Age of Student: _____

How many family members in college? _____

SECTION II: Family Income and Expense Information For 2018

Parents' Adjusted Gross Income _____

Parents' Untaxed Income (child support) _____

Student's Income _____

SECTION III: Family Assets Information

Parents' savings _____

Student's savings _____

Market Value of Home (low) _____

Unpaid Mortgage & Related Debts on Home _____

Market Value of Other Home (Real Estate) or investments (stocks) _____

Unpaid Mortgage and Related Debts against Other Real Estate or Investment _____

Value of Business _____

FSA ID STUDENT

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

Username: _____
(Should be first and last name of student all lower case with no spaces - if username is taken, add number)

Password: _____
(Should be the word College ### - upper case C with 1st three digits of student SSN – when you type confirmation of password do not copy and paste you must retype)

Student First Name: _____

Student Last Name: _____

Student DOB: mm/dd/yyyy _____

Student Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Challenge Questions 1 & 2 - **Answer two (2) of the following questions (all lower case, no spaces):**

Your elementary school: _____

City where you were born: _____

Name of first pet: _____

Name of the street you grew up on: _____

Color of first car: _____

Mother's maiden (last) name: _____

Father's middle name: _____

Challenge Question 3: Favorite Color (**Answer: male is blue/female is pink**)

Challenge Question 4: Sex of Student (**Answer: male or female**)

FSA ID PARENT

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

Username: _____
(Should be first and last name of parent all lower case with no spaces - if username is taken, add number)

Password: _____
(Should be the word College ### - upper case C with 1st three digits of parent SSN – when you type confirmation of password do not copy and paste you must retype)

Parent First Name: _____

Parent Last Name: _____

Parent DOB: mm/dd/yyyy _____

Parent Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

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Color of first car: _____

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Father's middle name: _____

Challenge Question 3: Favorite Color (**Answer: male is blue/female is pink**)

Challenge Question 4: Sex of Parent (**Answer: male or female**)

6 Things You Need Before You Fill Out the 2020–21 FAFSA® Form

If you need financial aid to help you pay for college, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. The 2020–21 FAFSA form will be available on Oct. 1, 2019. You should fill it out as soon as possible on or after Oct. 1 at the official government site, fafsa.gov.

It'll be easier to complete the FAFSA form if you gather what you need ahead of time. Below is what you'll need to fill it out.

1. Your FSA ID*

An FSA ID is a username and password that you can use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education (ED) websites. Each student, and one parent of each dependent student, will need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA process on fafsa.gov. We recommend creating your FSA ID early—even before you're ready to complete the FAFSA form—to avoid delays in the process.



To summarize:

- Anyone who plans to fill out the 2020–21 FAFSA form should create an FSA ID as soon as possible.
- If you are required to provide parent information on your FAFSA form, your parent should create an FSA ID too.

2. Your Social Security number*

You can find the number on your Social Security card. If you don't have access to it, and don't know where it is, ask your parent or legal guardian or [get a new or replacement Social Security card](#) from the Social Security Administration. If you are not a U.S. citizen, but meet Federal Student Aid's [basic eligibility requirements](#), you'll also need your Alien Registration number.

3. Your 2018 tax records*

- On the 2020–21 FAFSA form, you (and your parents, as appropriate) will report your 2018 income information.
- You **cannot use** your 2019 tax information. We understand that for some families, 2018 income doesn't accurately reflect your current financial situation. If you have experienced a reduction in income since the 2018 tax year, you should complete the FAFSA form with the info it asks for (2018), and then contact each of the schools to which you're applying to explain and document the change in income. They have the ability to assess your situation and make adjustments to your FAFSA form if warranted.

4. Records of your untaxed income*

The FAFSA questions about untaxed income may or may not apply to you; they include things like child support received, interest income, and veterans noneducation benefits. On the 2020–21 FAFSA form, you'll report 2018 tax or calendar year information when asked these questions.

5. Records of your assets (money)*

This section includes savings and checking account balances, as well as the value of investments such as stocks and bonds and real estate (but not the home in which your family lives). You should report the current amounts as of the date you sign the FAFSA form, rather than reporting the 2018 tax year amounts..

6. List of the school(s) you are interested in attending

Be sure to add any college you're considering, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.

- Even if there is only a slight chance you'll apply to a college, list the school on your FAFSA form. You can always remove schools later if you decide not to apply, but if you wait to add a school, you could miss out on first-come, first-served financial aid.

Barry Fox, BA, MA

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To do **NOW** and bring to appointment.

**PLEASE CREATE AN FSA ID USERNAME AND
PASSWORD**

WEBSITE-FSAID.ED.GOV

If you have never submitted a FAFSA, the Social Security Administration will need 3 days to verify the identity of individuals applying for federal financial aid. Therefore, you MUST create the ID's at least 3 days before your appointment in order for us to be able to submit a FAFSA. Please do it as soon you can to be ready for your appointment.

It is very important that you and one parent create and use your own FSA ID's.

FSA ID Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

You can create an FSA ID when logging into certain ED websites, including this one. **FSAID.ED.GOV** now.

The FSA ID process consists of three main steps:

1. Enter your log-in information.
 - a. Provide your email address, a unique username, and a password.

2. **Enter your personal and profile information.**
 - a. Provide your name, date of birth, and Social Security number (SSN).
 - b. Enter your mailing address.
 - c. Select whether or not you would like to register your mobile phone number for account recovery using text messages.
 - d. Provide your mobile phone number.
 - e. Select your language preference.
 - f. For security purposes, complete the four challenge questions and answers.

3. **Submit your FSA ID information.**
 - a. Agree to the terms and conditions.
 - b. Verify either your email address, your mobile phone number, or both.