

**MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE
EQUINE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**
Equine Knowledge and Practical Skills Competition
Thursday, April 19, 2012 (applications due by April 6,2012)

Eligibility:

All high school students and transfer students (no internal transfers) are encouraged to attend the Morrisville State College Equine Science Department Scholarship Competition. Those with a High School or College average greater than or equal to 80% or a GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 are eligible to participate in the Equine Department Scholarship Competition. Home-schooled students should submit a portfolio of courses completed and an essay describing their experiences in the equine industry.

A student may compete for the scholarships in more than one year. However, only one scholarship per student will be applied toward tuition at Morrisville State College. If an individual wins a smaller scholarship, they may compete the next year for a larger scholarship and the larger of the scholarships will be applied toward tuition. In addition, students *who participate in this contest* will also have their skills assessed in order to ensure correct placement in the proper Equitation classes when they enter Morrisville, thus eliminating the need to come back a second time for a riding placement test.

In order to take part in the scholarship competition, student's applications *must* be received by the scholarship committee by April 6, 2012. Students whose applications are received after that date will not be allowed to compete. Also, *no walk-in* registrants will be accepted.

Competition:

This is an individual competition, not a team competition. Evaluation will be based on the following criterion:

- 50% --- Scientific knowledge of the equine species and overall knowledge of the horse industry
- 50% --- Practical horse skills

A written, multiple-choice test will evaluate the student's scientific knowledge of the equine species. Topics covered may include Anatomy and Physiology, Health and Diseases, Lameness, Conformation, Nutrition, and Behavior. In order to evaluate the student's knowledge of the industry, an examination may take place where the student must show proficiency in areas such as tack identification, knowledge of specific

medications or dewormers, evaluation of hay samples, knowledge of feedstuffs, blanketing, farrier tools and shoes.

The students' practical horse skills will be evaluated by activities such as riding, harnessing, tacking, and/or driving a horse. Each student may compete in **one** (and only one) of the following areas: Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Draft Horse Driving and Horsemanship, Thoroughbred Race Horse Handling and Horsemanship, or Standardbred Race Horse Handling and Horsemanship.

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The following is a list of skills that the student will be expected to exhibit during their practical skills activities. These are the minimal expectations in each of the disciplines.

Equitation and Horsemanship (Both Western and Hunt Seat)

- Identify bits, bridles and tack
- Wrap/bandage legs
- Saddle and bridle a horse
- Ride effectively at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope

Draft Horse Driving and Horsemanship

- Identify bits, bridles, and tack
- Fully harness a horse
- Drive a team of horses

Race Horse Handling and Horsemanship

Standardbred Division

- Identify bits, bridles, and tack
- Wrap legs
- Harness and fully tack a horse
- Drive a trotter or pacer

Thoroughbred Division

- Saddle and bridle a young thoroughbred
- Assemble a bridle
- Tack and equipment identification

Scholarships:

Scholarships will be available as listed below. The total scholarship amount will be disbursed equally over 4 semesters, contingent upon the recipient maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Grand Champion -- \$2500.

Reserve Grand Champion -- \$1500

Five additional scholarships of \$750 each

Morrisville State College Equine students will be available after the competition to give tours of the facilities and answer questions about the program.

Direct any questions to:

Bonnie Miller
Equine Science Department Chair
millerbj@morrisville.edu
office: 315-684-6298

Please refer to the following pages for the Scholarship Competition Timeline including directions to the Stowell Arena classroom

**Morrisville State College
Equine Scholarship Competition Application
Thursday, April 19, 2012**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

High School/College: _____

High School GPA (must be 80%/ 3.0 or better): _____

College GPA; if Transfer student: _____

Please describe your involvement and experience in the horse industry:

Area of competition (Circle one):

Draft/Driving Hunt Seat TB Racing STBD Racing Western

Please attach a copy of your high school or college transcript. Home-schooled students, please attach a portfolio of coursework completed.

Please mail or Fax this form to:

**Bonnie Miller
Equine Science Department, Scholarship Committee
Morrisville State College
80 Eaton St., Marshall Hall
Morrisville, NY 13408
Fax -- (315) 684-6125**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 6, 2012 - NO WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED.

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 AM Registration at the Stowell (Western) Arena Classroom,
Swamp Road, Morrisville
- 8:30-11:30 AM Scholarship Competition
-Western, Draft and Racing students report to Western Arena
Classroom
-Hunt Seat students report to the Equine Center Classroom
- Horsemanship and Equine Skills competition. **Please note that all participants must have proper footwear (hard soled, with a heel) and an ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet.**

A reminder to all participants - there is to be no coaching from the sidelines during the riding or skills testing process!

Hope to see you all on April 19th!

Directions to the Morrisville State College Western Training Barn 7364 Swamp Road – Morrisville, NY 13408

New York State Thruway – Exit 34 – Canastota / Oneida

The Western training Barn is 12 miles from the exit

Pay toll and turn left (South) on Route 13 – Follow the green and white signs that say Morrisville College

Drive through the town of Canastota

When you get to Route 5 – go straight through the intersection (Route 13 will turn to the right, but you will go straight) follow the green and white Morrisville College sign

Follow this road up the hill and into the little town of Peterboro – follow the green and white Morrisville College signs – turn left then turn right around the town square – you are now 2 miles from the Western Training Barn

The Morrisville-Eaton Middle and High Schools are on your left just north of Fearon Road.

The Western Training Barn is just past the intersection of Fearon Road. Take the first driveway past Fearon Road.