



**Saratoga Harness Horseperson's Association, Inc.
Thomas McTygue Scholarship Award**

Scholarship Description:

Thomas McTygue was a past president of the Saratoga Harness Horseperson's Association, Inc. (SHHA) and a long-time horse owner and harness racing advocate. This scholarship is given in his memory.

The SHHA's Thomas McTygue Scholarship is given to a graduating high school senior pursuing a two or four-year degree and who is a member of the SHHA, or whose parent, guardian or relative is a member in good standing of the SHHA. The SHHA member must have had a prior year and a current year SHHA membership and be licensed by the New York State Gaming Commission. The applicant must reside in one of the following counties: Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington. If you reside outside of the listed counties, then the SHHA member must have 75% of racing starts at Saratoga Casino Raceway.

Criteria for winning the award include academic excellence, leadership qualities, dedication to community and being a good role model for classmates and family.

Special consideration will be given to those pursuing studies in an equine, animal, or agricultural field of study.

Two scholarship awards of up to \$2500 each will be given. The award is intended to be used for tuition, fees, books, or required equipment. Award funds will be released upon the student providing invoices for these costs from the institution being attended. Checks will be made payable to that institution.

Applications are due by April 30, 2026

Applications may be forwarded to the following email address:

shha61205@gmail.com

or

Mailed to:

Saratoga Harness Horsepersons Association, Inc

PO Box 171

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

SHHA THOMAS MCTYGUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Email address _____ **Telephone number** _____

Affiliation to SHHA: self ____ parent ____ guardian ____ relative ____

Name of affiliated member (if not self)

New York State Gaming Commission Harness Racing License number _____

Name of College/University _____

Anticipated major or field of study _____

Please forward a copy of your academic transcript.

Extracurricular Activities (clubs, sports, etc. Include the number of years you participated and leadership roles held)

Employment or Volunteer Activities (Include the name of employer or organization, dates of employment or volunteer service, number of hours, position or responsibilities)

Essay- A maximum of 500 words. Please choose **one** of the following topics:

1. If you know your field of study in college, tell us why and what influenced you in this decision.
2. Tell us about a person or an event that has had a major impact on your life.

Please type your essay and attach the completed essay to your application.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____