

Virginia Horse Center Foundation
Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship
2008 Official Application Form

The Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship is a *one thousand dollar* scholarship that is awarded annually by the Virginia Horse Center Foundation to a resident of Rockbridge County, Buena Vista or Lexington City who is the graduating high school senior that best exemplifies community leadership, citizenship, and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit, traits demonstrated by Mr. Mead throughout his life.

THIS FORM BY ITSELF **IS NOT** A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE. See page three for instructions about completing your Application Package. All applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 07, 2008. **Failure to complete all portions of this form will result in disqualification. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.**

1. Applicant

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	

Home Address	City	State	ZIP
_____			_____
Home Phone	E-mail Address		

2. School

_____			_____
School Name			School Phone
_____			_____
School Address	City	State	ZIP

3. Immediately after high school I plan to enter: (check one that best describes your current plans)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification or Licensing Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Training Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Technical School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community or Junior College | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year College or University | |

The career goal I will pursue is: _____
(Examples: teacher, electrician, computer technician, chef, lawyer, nurse, dancer)

4. Grade Point Average and Scores

Your grade point average _____ Your SAT scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____
Enclose a recent **official** transcript showing courses and grades for the last three years and a copy of your SAT scores. If you have not taken the SAT exam, enclose the scores of any similar national test (such as ACT) you have taken.

5. Reference Letter Have one of your teachers or guidance counselors write a letter of recommendation supporting your application on school stationery, seal it in an envelope for confidentiality, sign over the seal, and enclose it with your application.

6. Essay Write a short essay (approximately 500 words) describing your future career plans and explaining your community (may include school community) leadership, citizenship, and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit. Essay must be typed and double-spaced. **Enclose** your essay with your application.

7. The information on this form and contained in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Applicant's Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date

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What is the Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship?

Rockbridge County resident and Virginia Horse Center benefactor, G. Otis Mead, III, has a favorite saying – “Before a project can be successful, one must have a passion for the project.” For more than twenty years, Mr. Mead has had a passion for the Virginia Horse Center. Mr. Mead spearheaded the community effort that brought the Virginia Horse Center to Rockbridge County. Mr. Mead then served on the Virginia Horse Center Foundation (the fundraising arm for the Center) as its first president. To date the Foundation has raised nearly eleven million dollars that has been used to fund Virginia Horse Center capital projects and to match grant monies.

The state of Virginia, Rockbridge County, Lexington City, and Buena Vista have benefited greatly from the Virginia Horse Center. In Fall 2004, University of Virginia’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service released an updated study of the Virginia Horse Center’s economic impact on Virginia and the Lexington area. According to the study, *The Virginia Horse Center’s Economic Impact in 2004, An Update of the 2001 Study*, Virginia Horse Center direct expenditures in Virginia totaled \$53.3 million in 2004, of which \$37.3 million were made in the Lexington City and Rockbridge County areas, up 28.6 percent and 28.1 percent respectively over 2001 in current dollars.

To recognize the role that Mr. Mead played in securing the benefits of the Virginia Horse Center for Rockbridge County, Buena Vista and Lexington City, the Virginia Horse Center Foundation is pleased to offer the Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship. This one thousand dollar scholarship will be awarded annually to a resident of Rockbridge County, Buena Vista or Lexington City who is the graduating high school senior that best exemplifies community leadership, citizenship, and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit, traits demonstrated by Mr. Mead throughout his life.

How Can the Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship Help You Reach Your Goals?

The Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship provides financial assistance towards education and training beyond high school including training that leads to certification in a trade, career preparation in a technical school, graduation from a two year college, or a degree from a four-year university.

Who is Eligible for the Virginia Horse Center G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship?

Any current high school senior who is a resident of Rockbridge County who is:

- Enrolled in a public or accredited private high school
- Has a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale
- Planning to continue his or her education/training beyond high school in any accredited training, licensing or certification program or institution of higher education

What Criteria are Used to Judge Your Application?

Applicants will be judged on outstanding achievements in many areas of their lives. A GPA of 2.75 or greater demonstrates an applicant’s commitment to continuing his or her education, while the essay describes future career plans and demonstrates accomplishments in the areas of community (may include school community) leadership, citizenship, and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit.

How is the Winner Selected?

Application packages are reviewed by a panel of judges representing the Virginia Horse Center Foundation, G. Otis Mead, III, and the local education sector. Based on the application package review, the top applicants are chosen for a personal interview with the panel of judges.

After the finalists are interviewed, the judges select the winner. The judges’ decision is final and is based on both the application package and interview.

The winner will be notified the week of April 28-May 02, 2008 and the scholarship will be presented during the Bonnie Blue National Horse Show on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

What is the Procedure for Completing the Application Package?

1. Potential candidates must pick up application and guidelines at their high school or the Virginia Horse Center's web site at www.horsecenter.org.
2. Application: The application form must be filled out in its entirety. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. Grade Point Average and Scores: Enclose a recent **official** transcript showing courses and grades for the last three years and a copy of your SAT scores. If your school uses a system other than the 4.0 grade point system, please have your school registrar provide a conversion, signed by the school registrar, from your school system to the 4.0 grade point system. If you have not taken the SAT exam, enclose the scores of any similar national test (such as ACT) you have taken.
4. Reference Letter: Have one of your teachers or guidance counselors write a letter of recommendation supporting your application on school stationery, seal it in an envelope for confidentiality, and sign over the seal. Enclose the sealed envelope with your application.
5. Essay: Write a short essay (approximately 500 words) describing your future career plans and explaining your community (includes school community) leadership, citizenship, and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit. Essay must be typed and double-spaced. **Enclose** your essay with your application.
6. Assemble your application package in the order listed below.
7. Return completed application package to the Virginia Horse Center by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 07, 2008**.

Application Package Checklist

Assemble Application Package in the following order:

- Completed 2008 Application Form
- Recent official transcript showing courses and grades for the last three years
- Copy of SAT scores or any similar national test that you have taken
- Reference letter on school stationery from a teacher or guidance counselor supporting your application
- Essay describing future career plans and explaining your community leadership, citizenship, and personal commitment to enhancing community spirit
- Make two photocopies of your original application package, including all the items listed above except the sealed reference letter, and assemble the photocopies in the order listed above.
- Staple each of the three assembled application packages in the upper left-hand corner.
- Enclose all three application packages in one envelope and send to:

By mail: G. Otis Mead, III Scholarship
Virginia Horse Center
487 Maury River Road
Lexington, VA 24450

By guaranteed over-night
service or hand delivery: Administrative Offices
Virginia Horse Center
487 Maury River Road
Lexington, VA 24450

- Application packages must be **received** at the Virginia Horse Center administrative offices no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 07, 2008. Applications received after this date, regardless of postmark, will be automatically disqualified. No faxes or e-mails will be accepted.

Important Dates

- April 07, 2008: Applications must be received at the Virginia Horse Center
- April 21 thru April 25, 2008: Interviews for potential scholarship recipients
- April 28 thru May 02, 2008: Scholarship recipient notified
- May 10, 2008: Scholarship presented to recipient during the Bonnie Blue National Horse Show

*Application and associated guidelines **may be photocopied** – candidates may also pick up an application online at www.horsecenter.org, or at the Virginia Horse Center Administrative Office at 487 Maury River Road, Lexington, VA 24450, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 540-464-2950.*