

MQHA Ralph Gillis Memorial Bursary

The MQHA Ralph Gillis Memorial bursary is a total of \$1000.00.

The total amount allotted for the bursary may be awarded in part or in full to deserving applicant(s) as adjudicated by an impartial third party committee chosen each year by the MQHA director in charge of bursary applications.

The selection committee is directed to assess the applications and have the authority to divide the total amount of the bursary between 2 or more applicants and assign the dollar value awarded to each recipient up to a combined total of \$1000.00. They may also choose to award all or part of the bursary amount to one sole applicant. The selection committee also reserves the right to withhold awarding the bursary in full if they deem that there is no applicant that meets an acceptable standard of excellence in any, or all, of the application criteria, based on the information provided by the applicants. All applications will be adjudicated based on the quality of the essay composition as well as the additional information requested herein.

Applications can be submitted to the show office at the MQHA Canada Day Classic show. Applicants may also choose to direct their submission by mail or in person to Jeremy Hoyt, Director of Special Awards & Bursaries. Please note that mail in **submissions must be RECEIVED no later than July 1st, 2026.**

Mail in submissions can be sent to:

Jeremy Hoyt
P.O. Box 1114
Minto, N.B.
E4B 3Y7

Application Requirements

1. Completed application form
2. High School class/grades Transcript
3. Proof of acceptance to a post secondary program in any field, commencing in the 2026 calendar year.
4. A photo of the graduate
5. Information release form
6. A 1000 word essay, double spaced, defining the impact that their involvement with horses, the AQHA and the MQHA/MQHYA has had on them.
7. An essay draft must be submitted and a meeting scheduled to review it with the bursary advisor before making the final submission no later than, **June 1st, 2026.**
8. The application and all required criteria must be submitted in hard copy and will not be accepted digitally.