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April 1, 2026

Mr. Jason Arbacheski
Administrator
Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation
28 West Market Street
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382

RE: Maryland Horse Foundation TERF Education Grant Application

Dear Mr. Arbacheski:

Via e-mail I am submitting the Maryland Horse Foundation's application for the TERF Education Grant.

Attached you will find the completed application and attachments with additional pages listing volunteers and a complete list of our Board of Directors.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Maryanna Skowronski
Director Programming and Development



Grant Application

Today's Date 4/1/2026	Name of 501 (c)(3) Organization Maryanna@MarylandThoroughbred.com		
Federal Tax-Exempt ID# 52-1619893			
Year Established 1988	Amount Requested \$10,000		
Name of Executive Director Cricket Goodall			
Mailing Address 321 Main Street			
City Reisterstown	State MD	ZIP 21136	
Email Address Cricket@MarylandThoroughbred.com	Work Phone # 410-252-2100		
Organization's Website https://marylandhorse.com/about-us/marylandhorsefoundation/			

Provide Organization's most recent filed IRS Financial Statements (#990) or Supply link.

IRS Financial Statements (#990) link: See attachment

Farm/Facility Name Maryland Horse Library & Education Center		
City Reisterstown	State MD	ZIP 21136
Work Telephone 410-252-2100	Work Fax N/A	

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Email Address Maryanna@MarylandThoroughbred.com	Website Address https://marylandhorse.com/initiatives/maryland-horse-library/
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Mailing Address 321 Main Street		
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Contact Name and Title Maryanna Skowronski		
Work Telephone 410-252-2100	Email Address Maryanna@MarylandThoroughbred.com	

Provide a response to each question below:

1. Brief mission statement and describe the distinguishing features of your organization that supports the mission of TERF and the relevance to this proposal.

The Maryland Horse Foundation (MHF) was chartered in 1988 by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA) to serve the various educational and informational needs of the Maryland horse industry. We believe in engaging future generations by offering educational opportunities and public outreach. While acting as a resource for and about Maryland's horse industry, and maintaining the Maryland Horse Library & Education Center (MHLEC) we serve as the cultural hub and repository of historical information on the horse industry.

2. Briefly outline 3-5 goals for the requested funds and how these goals support your mission.

1. To continue the informational/educational programming presented free of charge, by and at, the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center including the Howard and Sondra Bender Educational Series in partnership with the University of Maryland Extension, our regular monthly programs and presentations and other special educational programs.

2. To maintain and grow the Library's research collection of films, ephemera, artifacts and over 5,000 volumes on all aspects of equine disciplines, breeds, and other aspects of equine information and to continue to make them available to researchers and the public.

2. To continue and expand the Maryland Horse Career Program (MHCP) formerly the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program, which was launched in 2017 as a week-long educational program in which participants are introduced to a variety of careers in the greater horse industry.

3. Provide a detailed description of the proposed project, how it is related to the mission of TERF and how it will impact the health and welfare of the horse. *(Note: research applications should be understandable to a non-scientific audience and include sufficient detail and rigor for the scientific reviewers).*

The Maryland Horse Career Program provides exposure to a broad range of employment opportunities to those who love horses but who may not realize the variety of jobs available within the industry. Participants are introduced to work situations which can include veterinary practice, stable management/operations, breeding, racing, feed/nutrition, pasture management, public relations/ industry promotion, racecourse management and events management/promotion, among others.

It is most beneficial to provide the widest variety of exposure possible within the time frame available. The broader the employment pool of educated job applicants is, the better it is for the wider industry. We feel that this program will add to that pool of potential employees. Since its inception each graduate of the program has gone on to studies or employment in the horse industry. The program is provided at no cost to those selected to participate.

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4. Provide a timeline detailing the expected progress of the project and specific milestones.

Programming at the MHLEC is presented on a regular monthly basis with quarterly presentations of the Howard & Sondra Bender Educational Series. In addition, other stand alone programs are present to tie in with individual equine events that may occur throughout the year, e. g. Preakness, steeplechase season, the State Fair, Washington International Horse Show, etc.

The Maryland Horse Career program will take place June 1-5, 2026. Participants will spend five days and four nights traveling to select locations throughout Baltimore, Harford, Cecil, and Anne Arundel counties. Program presentations will take place during regular business hours and there will be special evening presentations as well. Upon completion of the program graduates will be asked to provide written feedback on their experience. A database of graduates will be maintained in order to provide them with continued industry networking opportunities.

5. Provide a detailed budget for the projected use of the funds. *(Note: no funds will be provided for administrative overhead or capital spending; TERF reserves the right to modify funding based on foundation requirements).* Attach budget to submitted proposal as needed.

Maryland Horse Career Program 2026 Proposed Expenses (based on 9 participants and two staff)

Housing- \$150 per room double occupancy x four nights (5 rooms) = \$750

Meals- \$60 p/p per day x 9 for five days = \$2700

Tips/Gratuities- \$324

Rental Passenger Van- \$630 for 5 days including fees

Driver- \$1,000

Rental vehicle fuel/mileage- \$226

1 personal staff vehicle mileage - \$226

Participant Shirts/hats- \$300

Estimated Total Cost -\$6,156

*Total subject to adjustment based on fuel and food costs at time of program.

6. Provide a list of all other sources of funding and the amount(s) received.

The Maryland Horse Industry Board- \$2,000 for MHCP

Thoroughbred Charities of America- \$10,000 for MHLEC programming and MHCP

Temple Gwathmeny Steeplechase Association- \$2,000 for MHCP

7. Briefly summarize your charity's past public education research efforts.

The Maryland Horse Foundation (MHF) opened the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center (MHLEC) in December of 2022. Since that time it has offered continuing monthly educational programming, free of charge, to horsemen and the greater the public on a wide range of topics related to the horse industry. Presentations have included talks on: dressage, eventing, foxhunting, steeplechase history, Black cowboys and rodeo, thoroughbred racing history, women in the horse industry, author talks, film showings, equine art, and general agriculture topics. We are especially proud to host the quarterly Howard and Sondra Bender Educational Series of programs which are presented in partnership with University of Maryland Extension. The Bender programs feature more technical presentations geared toward those who make their living in the industry or who are considering doing so. The MHF also conducts outreach and off-site education. We provide meeting space for area equestrian/Ag organizations and other community groups. We host summer reading programming for children in partnership with the local branch of the public library system both at our venue, and at the library branch itself. The MHF and MHLEC work closely with the Maryland Horse Industry Board to make promotional materials available to other equine organizations and we help to host *Horseland* each year at the Maryland State Fair. *Horseland* introduces several thousand children and adults to the horse industry over a period of three weeks.

Other offsite outreach has included talks to the Jane Austen Society of Maryland (horse racing in Regency England), Harford County Public Library (history of racing in Harford County), Maryland Association of Public Libraries (resources available at the MHLEC), Baltimore

County Ag Center, and Rural Maryland Day in Annapolis (overview of the importance of the horse industry to Maryland economy) and Bowie University (Black horsemen in Maryland) among others.

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8. If you received funding from TERF previously, describe how these funds were used and outcomes achieved. Include any relevant publicity your charity received relating to the funding. (i.e.: media coverage, such as news articles, scientific publications, provide links to copies, as appropriate).

The awards from previous TERF grants have been used to support our Maryland Horse Career program and our regular educational presentations at the Maryland Horse Library & Education Center and for our off site presentations.

Funds for the Career Program were utilized to cover expenses that included transportation, meals, insurance, fuel and mileage reimbursement, program logo wear for the participants and supplemental educational materials.

MHLEC program expenses included speaker honorariums, computer and A/V costs for professional services related to program staging e.g. video conversions and programming, printing costs, event refreshments.

9. List other organizations or major contributors that have provided funding to your organization in the last calendar/fiscal year. For research grants, provide a list of all current funding relating to your current proposal.

Reisterstown Improvement Association
Brown Family Foundation
Preservation Maryland (award pending)
Dresher Foundation

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10. Name a responsible person with whom TERF may communicate regarding specific questions and who will be responsible for follow-up information regarding the project.

Maryanna Skowronski, Assistant Executive Director/Director Programming and Development
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410-252-2100

11. Provide appropriate references to support the proposed project/s.

Ms. Anne Litz
 Executive Director The Maryland Horse Industry Board
 anne.litz@maryland.gov

Dr. Amy Burk
 University of Maryland Extension
 amyburk@umd.edu

12. List the names and titles of your organization's executive staff and Board of Director's names and affiliations. (If needed use #14 Additional Items and Notes)

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Name Maryanna Skowronski, Assistant Executive Director and Director of Development and Programming		
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Name Joseph Pons, Jr., President, Maryland Horse Foundation		
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Name Katharine Voss, Secretary/Treasurer		
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13. List names and, briefly, the duties of volunteers and paid employees in your organization. Also, provide salaries paid to directors and employees if applicable. (If needed use #14 Additional Items and Notes)

Name Cindy Deubler,	Salary \$
Duties Associate Editor Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred & Library Director	

Name Barrie Reightler	Salary \$
Duties Director of Publications Designs all print published material and the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred magazine	

Name Emily Stakem	Salary \$
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Duties Registrar and Circulation and member services

Name Ali Cetinok	Salary \$
Duties Communications Manager	

Name Eleanor Albert	Salary \$
Duties Assistant Director Maryland Million/ Director, Maryland Horse Career Program	

14. Additional Information and Notes: See attachment

***Applicants should refer to the instructions for additional information required for grants to support education or summits/meetings.**

Please print completed document, scan it, and email along with supporting documents to: office@terfusa.org.

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Volunteers

Maryland Horse Foundation

Wesley Wilson- Library Cataloging

Lyn Vonderhorst- Library Vertical files

Donald Walsh- Collections

Dulany Noble- Docent and MHLEC Social Media

Lani Hyde -Event Photography

Additional Employees

Nicole Hart-Richardson- Director of Finance

Shannon Hart-Garland- Bookkeeper

Terry Bryson- Staff Accounting /Office Manager