

VIRGINIA STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW “HORSE SHOW HERO” PROGRAM

The Virginia State 4-H Horse Show Committee and its participants must work together to meet the ever-increasing financial challenges. We are asking the youth to participate in helping raise funds for the show. This show could not happen without the support of our industry and the many people involved. The Horse Show Hero Program is a way to garner support of the show while also making it easier for youth to attend. While this program is completely voluntary, we do encourage our youth to work to make a difference. Sponsorships may be solicited after the deadline, however we cannot guarantee they will be added into the show program.

STABLING PRIORITY
Units with the total largest funds raised as of July 31 will have priority stabling choice! Top Unit gets first choice, etc.

SPONSORS receive advertisement or acknowledgement for their contribution, therefore these are NOT tax deductible contributions.
See our [sponsorship package for advertising options](#).

The 4-Hers exhibiting in the horse show may ask friends, family, and businesses to become a “Horse Show Hero” in support of the Virginia 4-H Horse Show and Program. *All Horse Show Hero funds are submitted directly to Katherine Carter, Extension Youth Animal Science Specialist, 175 W. Campus Drive, 380 Litton Reaves, Blacksburg, VA 24061.*

4-H Horse Show Hero Support Level Scholarships:

AMOUNT	Scholarship Awarded
\$100 - \$299	4-Her entered into a prize drawing
\$300+	4-Her receives \$100 Scholarship toward entry fee
\$400+	4-Her receives \$200 Scholarship toward entry fee
\$800+	4-Her receives Scholarship value of \$400 toward entry fees
\$850+	Top 3 highest 4-H fundraisers over this amount awarded an embroidered prize
Highest Funds Raised	4-Her awarded 4 seats to the Washington International Horse Show

Scholarships are awarded to youth raising funds for the Horse Show Hero program by way of a reduction in their entry fees. Hero sponsorships must be reported on the horse show hero summary Excel form and submitted no later than July 31st. **Horse Show Hero funds must be received by July 31 in order for credit to be given toward entry fees, and noted on the invoice. After this date, additional sponsor money will be accepted and count toward top fund raisers awarded at the show, but will not be credited toward an entry fee scholarship.** Sponsorship funds are transferable to another exhibitor but not refundable. If a youth is not showing but wishes to participate in the Horse Show Hero Program they are welcome to transfer fund dollars to another 4-Her showing in the current year show. Scholarships are transferrable upon request to another fellow 4-Her competing at the show and must include the name of the fellow 4-Her, Unit and horse they have entered. **Only the 4-Her who secures the money will receive “full” credit for the amount secured to be eligible for the Horse Show Hero awards. Please DO NOT send cash.** Checks and money orders made payable to the **Virginia Tech Foundation – 4-H Horse** will only be accepted. If money is collected from numerous sources, one check may be written, but the Horse Show Hero summary sheet must detail the amount given by each individual. The 4-Her who secures the highest funds of sponsorships as of July 31 will receive four seats for the Washington International Horse Show in the fall. **In addition, the top three 4-H members who secure the highest dollar amount of \$850 or more, as of July 31, will receive a special 4-H Horse Hero embroidered item.**

See the website for information and forms - <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/horse/events/state-horse-show.html> Contact – Katherine Carter, Extension Youth Animal Science Specialist - carterke@vt.edu

Be A
4-H Horse Show HERO!

The Virginia 4-H Program is proud to host the Virginia State 4-H Horse Show in one of the finest show facilities in the country. The outstanding Virginia youth work hard to train and show their own horses at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. YOU can become a Horse Show Hero to the program. And then come see your investment in action on September 7-10, 2023. The BEST will be competing in the spirit of good horsemanship and sportsmanship as they constantly strive to "Make the Best Better."

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2023 4-H HORSE SHOW HERO - DEADLINE JULY 31

Please Print clearly!

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount Given _____ Check No. _____

SPONSORS - Please specify if there is a particular class or division you would like your name associated with in the show program. If sponsorships come in after July 31, we cannot guarantee information will be included in the show program, but we will continue to accept Sponsorships. Class number and name below:

Make check payable to Virginia Tech Foundation - 4H Horse and mail to:

VA Youth Animal Science Program - Horse Show Hero
Katherine E. Carter - Extension Youth Animal Science Specialist
175 W. Campus Drive, 380 Litton Reaves (0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061

4-Her responsible for this Hero: _____

Unit: _____

This form must accompany **each** Hero check Please **do not** send CASH.
There will be no refunds of Horse Hero sponsorships however in the case of the horse's scratch, they can be transferred to another 4-H member up until the scratch deadline.