

## 2009 Scholarship Winners Announced

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) selected the 2009-2010 Scholarship winners recently. Each winner will be awarded \$1,000 towards their academic studies. The winners are:

- Ashlyn Anderson-Keelin of Owensboro, KY. Ashlyn will be attending Georgetown College in the fall. She is unsure of her exact major just yet but is sure it will be in the horse industry. Ashlyn has already had involvement in equine extracurricular activities by volunteering at the Rolex 3-Day Event, fostering a horse for the Kentucky Equine Humane Center, expanding her riding knowledge by taking dressage lessons and participating in the Georgetown Equine Scholars Program tour series.
- Kristin Bednarski of LaGrange, KY. Kristin attends the University of Kentucky and is majoring in Equine Journalism. She will graduate in the spring of 2010 and intern with the 2010 World Equestrian Games, planning on making her mark in print or broadcast media covering the horse industry.
- Steven Jones of Greenville, KY. Steven will be attending Murray State University in the fall and majoring in Agriculture Business. He has plans of opening his own boarding, breeding and training stable in the Walking Horse Industry.
- Lisa Paulsen of Calhoun, KY. Lisa attends Murray State University and is majoring in pre-vet. She intends to apply to Auburn University to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine specializing in Equine Science. Lisa commented that with the decreasing numbers of large animal veterinarians, her career choice will have a direct impact on the equine industry in the future.

The purpose of the KEEP Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships to students pursuing a career in the horse industry, who demonstrate financial need, academic success, show a commitment to Kentucky's Horse Industry, hard work, and determination.

To be eligible for one of the scholarships the students have to be working toward a career in the equine industry and attend a college or university in the state. They must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

“One of our areas of focus is to ensure that we are strengthening the equine education opportunities in our state,” said Patrick Neely, KEEP Executive Director. “We created this annual scholarship program to do just that. This is the place to be involved in the horse industry and we want to make sure that we are helping train the next generation of successful business leaders for our industry.”

“This year we had an extremely hard time choosing the winners,” stated Scholarship Committee Chair, Dan Kenney. “All of the applicants were extremely worthy and outstanding individuals. They all have a bright future in Kentucky’s Equine Industry.”

For more information on KEEP’s Scholarship Program visit [www.horseswork.com/scholarship](http://www.horseswork.com/scholarship) or the Race for Education at [www.racingscholarships.com](http://www.racingscholarships.com).