



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES

Race Track
Industry Program



The Elizabeth Bracken Memorial Scholarship

The New York Racing Association's **Elizabeth Bracken Memorial Scholarship** is designed to support and encourage students enrolled in the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) to secure a career in the Thoroughbred industry.

The \$10,000 annual scholarship is open to students in their junior and senior years who have completed one full semester in the RTIP and have expressed the desire to work in the industry. Funding will be split into two parts – with \$5,000 awarded for the fall semester and \$5,000 for the spring semester.

The scholarship honors the memory of Elizabeth Bracken, an RTIP graduate who spent 16 years at the New York Racing Association, including five as Vice President of Simulcasting, before returning to RTIP as associate coordinator and an instructor. Bracken died in November 2019.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to seeking employment in the thoroughbred industry.
- Scholarship is open to Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) students in their junior and senior years. All applicants must have already completed one full semester at the University of Arizona.
- Students who receive scholarships in their junior year will be eligible for a scholarship in their senior year, provided they have completed an internship with a Thoroughbred race track or Thoroughbred racing organization other than where they have previously interned.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average and have full-time status in the RTIP (*If either of these requirements are not met, NYRA reserves the right to withhold the scholarship commitment for the spring semester*).
- Applicants must be RTIP students who are residents of the U.S., Canada, or Puerto Rico.

Selection Process & Criteria:

The Elizabeth Bracken Memorial Scholarship Committee is comprised of NYRA officials and staffers, several of them who are RTIP graduates.

The committee reviews all applications and awards scholarships on the basis of

academic merit, desire to seek a career in the Thoroughbred industry, and the strength of written essays.

To Apply:

Required Written Essays:

Please submit three essays, each of no more than 400 words, to answer the following:

- **Essay #1:** Describe your most meaningful accomplishment(s) and how it relates to your future goals.
- **Essay #2:** Why do you seek a career in the Thoroughbred industry?
- **Essay #3:** Why are you are deserving of this scholarship?

Recommendation(s):

Please include or attach at least one recommendation to support your application. This recommendation can be from a professor or instructor; a current or a former employer; or a coach and/or mentor.

Required RTIP Transcript:

You must include your most recent or up-to-date RTIP transcript that verifies your academic record.

Application Deadline & Notification:

Mail your completed scholarship application and all supporting documents to: Jim Reisler, New York Racing Association, at JReisler@nyrainc.com. Please make the subject line, "Elizabeth Bracken Memorial Scholarship."

Applications must be received by June 30, 2023. Those received after the deadline will not be considered.

Questions: Please contact Jim Reisler at JReisler@nyrainc.com.

Student Information:

Name (First Name/Middle Name/Last Name): _____

Student ID Number: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____

Current Address: _____

Email Address/es: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Estimated Date of Graduation: Fall Semester or Spring Semester & Year: _____

And Finally:

I have read and understand the information above and have completed the application and can, to the best of my ability, ensure its accuracy. I also understand that improperly completing this application may lead to the cancelation of any scholarship awards.

Signed: _____

Date: _____