Amanda Hill Young Breeders Incentive Grant
Process and Application

The Amanda Hill Young Breeders Grant celebrates the memory of Amanda Hill and her connection with the equine industry. Amanda was a long time Morgan owner, exhibitor, and breeder whose passion for the Morgan horse was highlighted in her volunteer work across the Morgan industry. Amanda was instrumental in the establishment of AMHA's Young Adult Alliance and was a strong supporter of the annual Morgan Stallion Sweeps held at the New England Morgan Horse Show. Combining these two passions, this grant was created in Amanda's name to ensure her work and passion for the Morgan industry lives on in the areas where her personal connection ran deep.

The Amanda Hill Young Breeders Incentive Grant is designed to help young Morgan breeders achieve their breeding dreams. It may be awarded annually to a young AMHA member (under the age of 40) who is establishing a breeding program intended to strengthen the quality of the Morgan breed. Amanda had a vision that recognized the need for younger generations to continue these breeding programs so that the love of the Morgan horse could be shared from generation to generation.

The grant application period for this year's grant (2026) will close at the end of the day (5:00 PM ET) on Friday, June 12, 2026.

Inquiries about grant applications or the grant process are only handled by email. Kindly email execdir@morganhorse.com with any questions or comments, and you will receive a response promptly.

Upon submission, you will receive an email at the address provided in the application as verification that your application has been received. If you do not receive such an e-mail, please contact us. Of paramount importance in the analysis of applications each year is that they be need-based and means-tested applications (defined on page 2), and value-based applications. Please note these in your application.

All grant recipients must agree to expenditure responsibility disclosures. As part of those requirements, recipients will need to transmit a written summary of the activities (expenses) that the grant funded within 45 days of expending the funds. That summary must also include a spreadsheet detailing how and to whom the funds were allocated. The expenditure responsibility requirements dictate as well that evidence be provided that the grant allocation was made for its intended purpose. This requirement can be met in the form of photos, testimonials or otherwise.

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Amanda Hill Young Breeders Incentive Grant and particularly for your commitment to Morgan horses and equestrian sport.

QUESTIONS

Am I eligible to apply for a grant?
Grants may be awarded to any AMHA young adult member (under the age of 40 years old).

How is the grant money distributed?
*Checks may be made payable to the business providing the service (expense) or reimbursed to the grant recipient when submitted to MHF and accompanied by the **original** receipt.*

How much funding does MHF generally give to grant recipients?
The Directors will determine in advance of the application period the amount awarded in any given year based on availability of funds, etc. The grant amount for this year will be $2,500.

When can I expect to learn if I am selected?
The grant review committee meets to consider grants during the same month as the deadline and expects to announce its decisions in the following month. However, the directors reserve the right to alter the timeline. All applicants, including those not approved for funding, will be notified of the Board's decisions.

What does means-tested mean?
"Means-tested" wording refers to determining need as a principal criterion in awarding grants. The committee also weighs the benefits of the program/endeavor against the proposed budget to ensure the greatest value for the funding allocated.

What types of expenses can the grant cover?
The grant can be used for expenses related to (but not necessarily limited to), stud fees, mare lease fees, semen shipping costs, vet services related to proposed breeding endeavors, futurity nomination payments, DNA and registration expenses, etc.

Does MHF accept multi-year proposals, or should applications be limited to a project in a certain year?
MHF will consider all proposals submitted and applicants may submit proposals in subsequent years.

How do we go about writing a compelling grant?
MHF suggests you check online resources such as http://www.content-professionals.com/How-to-Write-a-Grant-Proposal.php or http://www.fundraiserhelp.com/win-grant-funding-with-a-compelling-needs-statement.htm or http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/grant-writing-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html

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Application for the Amanda Hill Breeders Grant
Receipt due no later than 5:00 PM (ET) – Friday, June 12, 2026

Name of person applying for grant: _____
AMHA # _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip:_____
Primary contact: _____
Email address for contact: _____
Phone for contact: _____

On a separate, attached page, answer and detail the following:

1. Describe your past & current involvement with Morgan horses.
2. Explain and describe the breeding program for which you are requesting funds.
3. Detailed budget of the program including anticipated dates of expenses.
4. Current or alternate sources of funding besides this possible grant *(where will the funds come from that pay for the remaining expenses, etc.)*.
5. How you hope to impact the Morgan industry with your breeding program.

Please note that part of the selection process is based on your initiative, presentation, and professionalism of this application. Your submission should be a minimum of one page but a maximum of 2 pages with a 12-point font or smaller, a maximum of 1-inch margins, and single spaced.

Email completed application to: execdir@morganhorse.com

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Terms & Conditions

1. MHF reserves the right to use any collateral or materials provided as part of the application process for promotional purposes.

2. Applicant agrees to acknowledge MHF's grant funding on any collateral or materials, including the one-time use of the MHF's logo.

3. Applicant assumes all risks and responsibilities surrounding endeavor and releases MHF and any officers, directors, trustees, agents and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, or demands for damages for personal injury, disability, property damage or other loss of any kind that may be sustained as a result of endeavor, whether such loss results from the negligence of such released parties or otherwise (except for claims or liability arising directly from the gross negligence of such parties). Further, applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless MHF and the members, officers, directors, agents, and employees of any of them from any and all loss, liability, damage or costs that it or they may incur as a result of participation or arising from any of applicant's acts or omissions.

4. All press releases, website or social media news items must be jointly approved by both MHF and grant recipient.

5. Decisions regarding the award of grant funding are final. Applicants may not appeal the amount awarded or the endeavors selected for grants.

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Recipients Expenditure Responsibility Requirements

1. Project Date:_____

(date by which requestor expects to expend the grant funding being provided)

2. Expenditure Responsibility Pledge

Requestor agrees to provide the following information to MHF within 45 days of all grant funding being distributed.

- Written summary of 500 words or less of the activities (expenses) that the grant funded.
- Complete detailing of how and to whom the funds were allocated.
- Evidence that the grant allocation was made for its intended purposes. This requirement can be met in the form of photos, testimonials from those receiving services or another mechanism approved by MHF that demonstrates the grant allocation was made for its intended purpose.

Should you have questions about how to best fulfill these requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the grantor at execdir@morganhorse.com.

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Signature of Recipient **Date**

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Printed name of Recipient