

2009 Scholarship Winners



Joseph Clifton

Northville, MI

Graduated from Northville Public Schools and is attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI and also attended Divine Child High School in Dearborn, MI. Joseph plans to obtain his degree in Liberal arts / political science / business administration. His future plans include law school and also involvement in the Michigan horse racing industry. Joseph is a member of MTOBA and his family has been involved in breeding and racing thoroughbreds for 55 years. Joseph has been active in both the Michigan racing industry and also with many community outreach programs and food drives.

Nicole VanDyke

West Olive, MI

Nicole is currently attending Lake Erie College in Painesville, OH, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree as an equestrian teacher / trainer. Nicole is an individual member of the MHC. She served as Vice President of her high school equestrian team, received the West Olive High School academic award, and appeared on the Dean's List. She has volunteered for many horse related organizations and animal rescue groups. Nicole's future plans include starting a program to train ex-race horses into hunter/jumper prospects for adoption.

Krista Janescheck

Alto, MI

Krista is a senior at Caledonia High School in Caledonia, MI. Upon graduation, she plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in agriculture studies and equine nutrition. Krista is an individual member of the MHC. Her volunteer activities have included hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana and also religious education for children in Mexico. She has also been involved in MIHA, Barry County 4 H fair, and APHA as a junior member. She has also received the equestrian team leadership award from MIHA. Her plans include owning her own horse facility in the future.