

Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship Foundation

University College Dublin Scholarship 2022

In Memory of Gerry Dilger

The Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship was established in memory of Gerry Dilger (1958-2020), by his family and closest friends. Gerry was a native of Co. Clare, Ireland, and came to America at the young age of 19, to pursue his passion in the horse industry. In 1994, he established Dromoland Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, and had a successful career as a horseman, breeding and consigning thoroughbred horses. Over the next 26 years, he mentored young people who had the same dreams as he did. He took in over 65 young people during his career as his own, helping them gain hands-on experience, sharing knowledge and skills to be successful, and teaching them how to be a respected horseman. He instilled in them the values he had himself; hard work, honesty, expertise, kindness, generosity, loyalty, and above all, a good spirit. Gerry was loved and well-respected in the horse community, and we hope to honor him by continuing his legacy helping young people with their careers.

Application Requirements:

- **Currently enrolled as a student at University College Dublin**
- **Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science - Equine**

This Scholarship Provides:

- **Airfare for student to travel to the United States, and home at completion of program. Ticket must be economy/coach class, maximum amount \$1500. Must provide proof of payment for reimbursement.**
- **Payment for the cost of the required J1 student work visa**
- **An opportunity to work on a prominent Lexington, Kentucky thoroughbred farm with housing provided**

I. STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Other Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

College/University _____

Program of study/Degree _____

School Address _____

Phone Number _____

Years of Degree Completed _____

Date of Graduation _____ College GPA _____

Please fill out the following sections in the space provided, or you may type them into a Word document and include as an attachment with your application.

III. EQUINE EXPERIENCE - Please provide place of employment and supervisor contact information for each job

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE (Volunteering, Involvement in Clubs, Serving your Community)

V. **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** **Please describe any acquired leadership or business skills*

VI. **SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS** (Alternatively, you may answer questions in a Word Doc, and include as an attachment with your application)

a. What qualities or characteristics make a good horseman?

b. What are your current career goals within the horse industry?

c. Please explain how traveling to the US to work on a prominent thoroughbred farm will benefit your career in the horse industry, and what you hope to gain from the experience in America.

DECLARATION

I declare that the enclosed information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give my approval that information I have shared on this application may be shared with members of the board.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date

Submit completed application by November 30, 2021 to:

Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship Foundation
C/O Paramount Sales
275 Meijer Way
Lexington, KY 40503
(859) 621 - 8062

OR

Electronically to: info@gerrydilgerequine.com

Note: Scholarship recipients will need to provide a short biography, and a picture of themselves to be included on our website.