

Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship Foundation

KEMI – Irish National Stud Scholarship 2023

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 KEMI intern, or must have completed the program in Spring, 2022.**
- **Resident of the US**
- **Bachelor’s degree in equine science preferred, but not required.**

This Scholarship Provides:

- **Airfare for student to travel to Ireland, and home at completion of program. Ticket must be economy/coach class, maximum amount \$1500. Must provide proof of payment for reimbursement.**
- **Fully paid tuition (\$6,500) for the Irish National Stud in Kildare, Ireland, including room and board.**
- **Travel/Medical insurance policy while in Ireland. Maximum \$250.**

I. STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home Telephone _____ Other Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

College/University _____

Degree/Program of Study _____

School address _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Graduation _____ College GPA _____

KEMI Status, circle one: *Currently enrolled* *Completed Spring 2022 Program*

Farm assignments during KEMI Program - *name of farm, supervisor name and phone number:* _____

III. EQUINE EXPERIENCE

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

VI. **ESSAY QUESTIONS** (please write a short essay for each question - 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 or horsewoman?

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

c. Please explain how attending the Irish National Stud in Ireland will benefit your career in the horse industry and what you hope to gain from the experience in Ireland.

CERTIFICATION

I certify 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 September 1, 2022, 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.