

College Day at The Races at The Maryland State Fair

College Students, stop by for a day of horse racing fun and a chance to win one of multiple \$1000 College Scholarships at “College Day at The Races” at the Maryland State Fair!

DATE: Saturday, August 29, 2026

TIME: 12:00 PM – 5 PM

EVENT CHECK-IN: 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN: Scholarship winner’s names will be drawn prior to the Shine Again Stakes Race (time to be determined). Students are not required to be present at the drawing, but are invited to be present and be a part of the group photo at the winner’s circle during the live televised drawing.

- PRE-REGISTER by Friday, August 28th, at 5 PM.
- Have your College/University ID and valid photo ID. If you do not yet have a college ID, bring proof of college admission.
- You MUST PRE-REGISTER and CHECK-IN the day of the event to be eligible for scholarship.

LOCATION: MD State Fair Lower Floor South End of the Grandstand

CONTACT: rwilliams@marylandstatefair.com



Come out to “College Day at The Races,” it’s all about horses!

How do you bet? You’ll find out and have the opportunity check out tip sheets, programs, and everything that goes along with horse racing.

Hang out with old friends, meet new friends, and be prepared to have your photo taken in the Winner’s Circle should you win one of the many \$1,000 Scholarships.

Watch the races from the Grandstand or next to the rail.

Enjoy plenty of fun photo ops, including trying on authentic jockey silks and more.

Didn’t find time to register, still come out to the fair with your friends and enjoy College Day at The Races activities and more! Be sure to bring your College/University ID and valid photo ID for FREE admission.

Don’t get stuck in traffic and parking, take the Light Rail to the Maryland State Fair or just UBER/LYFT.

You won’t leave empty handed with all of the fun swag from a variety of horse industry reps.

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Terms & Conditions: The Scholarship monies will be made payable to the winner’s school and the monies will be sent directly to each institution after a proof of enrollment has been received by the Maryland State Fair office. Individuals winning scholarships must provide proof of current enrollment in an accredited college or university to The Maryland State Fair, P.O. Box 188, Timonium, MD 21094 or email

rwilliams@marylandstatefair.com. Scholarships will be provided for the Spring 2027 semester. Must be 18-years-old or older to bet on the races.

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