

Working Student Application & Scholarship applications

IMPORTANT (required):

- Please email a **short video** of you riding to **info@horseboyworld.com**.
- Please include a copy of your **current medical insurance card** and **ID** to this application.
- A driver license is required. Please include a copy. **Do you drive a stick shift? YES _____ NO _____**
- Please also provide your police record.
- Please also attach two or more **written** references with contact information from previous employments and volunteer opportunities with children or horses or other work/school related references. Please also add at least 2 references of families you currently work with.
- The final step of the application will be a phone interview.
- Age limit: 18-28 years for working student program.
- Physically fit for working student program: our lifestyle is extremely physical. Applicants must be able to unload 50lbs feed sacks (usually about 40 bags of feed = 2000lbs) Obviously, you don't need to unload 40 sacs of feed each day but it gives you an idea of how physical the work is. Work day is usually sunrise to sunset. (If you think this is too physical for you, please contact us and we work out what combination of workshops might be best for you)

The Working Student Program

Our working student program is a 6-8 week placement.

Cost starting \$1500 for 6-8 weeks. Basic accommodations are available on property for an additional cost.

Courses included: HBM1 & HBL1

Dates: upon request

Including: 1 riding lesson per week included level depending on riders skills and assessed by staff, pick-up and drop off from Airport between 9AM and 8PM, accommodations at small additional cost, shuttle trips to supermarket.

Not included: food or access to cars for trips. We suggest that if you plan on taking a few days in the area or to travel that you do so at the beginning or end of your time here. You will have to organize your own rental car for these trips.

Additional courses: can be added at 30% discount of regular price

Additional riding lessons: \$25 30 minute lunge lesson; \$35 trail ride; \$50 45 minute lesson on school master (in hand, and or ridden)—costs and availability may vary

In your time here you will be participating in regular ranch related work as well as playdates with the kids.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Height : _____ Weight: _____

Male or Female: _____

Occupation: _____

Special Diet? (e.g. Gluten Free, Casein Free, vegetarian etc.) : _____

Because of the intensity of the climate and the nature of exhausting hours outside we can unfortunately not accommodate vegans. For vegetarians and other special diets, please describe your usual diet and how you will make sure that you are taking enough protein in: _____

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When would you like to come to Texas and how long?: _____

Request Live-In Working Student Yes No

Which location are you applying for? _____

What languages do you speak? _____

Ideally how long would your working student program last? (please consider that you might need visas for certain countries): _____

If the program is 6 days a week with 1 day off, how many days a week would you like to spend working horses and how many days a week would you like spending with children or preparing child activities. (This is not a catch question. Us knowing what you are looking for helps us create the right program for you) _____

HEALTH & EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Medication _____

Allergies _____

Any previous medical conditions, surgeries or injuries that could influence any participant’s safety around horses

(including but not limited to: back injuries, dizziness, head injuries, cardio vascular conditions, stroke or other brain conditions, high blood pressure, cancer, diabetes, Gastrointestinal, neurological, easy bleeding, PREGNANCY, Asthma)?

Please be honest here. Medical conditions do not automatically disqualify you! If we know what is going on with you we can arrange to make your stay safe. Yes: _____ No: _____

If YES please specify in detail: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Relationship _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

Doctor Name _____ Doctor Phone # _____

Medical Insurance _____ Insurance # _____

(We do require all working students to have current medical insurance/travel insurance for international students!)

These questions are personal but very important to us. If you don’t want to answer them, let’s talk about them. But remember you are working with kids here so we have to know:

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Are you or have you been addicted to drugs, alcohol, etc. (please explain in detail): _____

Have you ever been arrested for DWI? _____

Have you been convicted of crime? _____

Have you been convicted of any sex crime? _____

Have you been the victim of any crime (abuse, sexual abuse) or otherwise don't like physically to be touched – we are asking this because many of the kids are looking for very close contact and are into rough tickle and hug games. This can sometimes be hard if people have difficulties with physical contact. _____

Do you have a learning (reading/writing) challenge or condition? Yes: _____ No: _____

Why are we asking this? Obviously a lot of people that come to us have some sort of difficulty – most people do lean toward the therapeutic world because it has helped them. Sometimes those difficulties are sensory related, sometimes learning, sometimes something else, or a combination of things. For us to effectively and quickly train unfortunately we have to violate some of our own rules a bit and insist on people taking notes and sitting down for theory session to get the background knowledge necessary to really learn the Methods and the horse training. We don't mind how your notes look like and we won't control/check/read your notes, but we do need to see that you are taking notes throughout the sessions. Over the years we have learned that the working students that have been taking notes actually maintain much more information than the ones that don't. It is totally okay for your notes to long paragraphs, bullet points, drawings or whatever else you need them to be to memorize the information. We have found that people recording sessions and later transcribing them never seems to work. If you are not able/willing to take notes, please consider coming as full paying client. There are no restrictions/regulation of you coming as client and taking notes, but since the working student program is subsidized we must make sure that we can convey information easily to the student. We are more than happy to accommodate any type of learning in our normal courses.

If you checked yes above, what is the learning disability and how does it influence your learning? _____

Are you willing to take notes of your theory and riding session while at New Trails: Yes: _____ No: _____

If you do have a learning disability, that makes notes taking difficult for you, what is your strategy to contain the information conveyed? _____

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Education: Do you have high school, bachelor or master degree? If so in which subject: _____

Other certification (e.g. therapist, therapeutic riding, first aid): _____

Have you volunteered at Therapeutic riding program before? (please explain and include references if available): _____

Have you worked with autistic kids before? (please explain and include references if available): _____

How did you hear about us and what made you decide, that to apply for a working student position? _____

Do you need to write a report at the end of your time here or fulfill other requirements to pass a course? _____

What do you expect from your time here? _____

Why do you want to learn the Horse Boy Method? When you go home, do you expect to apply it ("No" as answer will not disqualify you from coming here!) _____

What do you do at home (professionally, school, hobby) – for scholarship application please include your income: _____

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From what you have seen and hear so far what do you like best about Horse Boy? _____

From what you have seen and hear so far what do you like least about Horse Boy? _____

What is your background with autism? (e.g. autism parent/sibling, hippo-therapist, ABA, OT, psychologist etc.) _____

Riding/horse handling experience (how long have you been riding, how often per week, what disciplines & levels, did you ever compete, did you ever own a horse, have you taught riding lessons, have you ever fallen off, etc..) _____

How much have you ridden in the last few weeks/months. How often per week do you ride? _____

Have you started horses? Do you often work with problem horses? What do you do with them? _____

Do you have experience in Fox hunting, Jumping, Eventing, Roping, Back riding/Double Riding? Please explain in detail: _____

Do you have classical dressage experience? Please explain: _____

What is the training pyramid? _____

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Who have been your main influences (mentors) as a rider and in life in general? _____

What is your best and worst competition experience? _____

What is your best and worst trail riding experience? _____

What is your best and worst horse experience/memory experience? _____

Are you certified by any other 'organizations (e.g. PATH, NARAH, RDA, EAGALA)? Ask about continuous education credits..) _____

Do you have experience with construction or other barn related work (e.g. fencing, vet care etc.) _____

Please list all previous jobs you have held and who long you worked there: _____

If you could choose what would you mainly spend your time doing (sort list below (1-11) 1 being activity you like best):

- working with autistic kids (horse related activities)
- working with kids on academics (Horse Boy Learning)
- trips and spending time with Rowan
- trail riding horses
- exercising horses (lunging, long lining, walking)
- training horses in dressage or other disciplines (specify: _____)
- learn to training horses in dressage or other disciplines (specify: _____)

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- teaching people to ride (specify: _____)
- learn dressage
- shores around the barn (fencing, trail clearing, picking pastures, etc)
- horse care and grooming
- shores around the house
- helping with fundraising events and other awareness events (e.g. we do demos and bring horses into town)

Why should we select you for a scholarship/internship? (Please be aware only people that are currently working with families in their community will be considered for scholarships that reduces program fees.)

How much are you charging your clients per session. How long is a session? _____

Additional Scholarship requests:

If you would like for us to give you a scholarship for part of the \$1300 please fill out the budget below.

Your budget (please itemize your costs for this trip):

- Flight/travel _____
- Accommodations _____ How many days will you be here? _____
- Food _____
- Rental car _____
- Course costs _____ Which courses are you planning to attend? _____
- Riding lessons _____
- **Total** _____
- Scholarship amount requested (if any): _____

Please be aware that because we offer our services for free to our families, asking us to subsidize you inevitably takes away in however small an extend from the families who come. So if you wish for a scholarship please make a very good case. Please consider to raise funds for the cost of your courses through screening the movie, crow-funding. Please also think of ways to save money on your travel costs so you have more money for the courses, this could be done through using a supporters airline miles, finding a friend in Austin or couch surf in Austin etc. Be Creative and show us that you have the kind of fundraising mind that will enable you to continue the work once you have learned from us.

Other important information

Working Students, Clients, and GAP Year Packages

___ (Initial) **I am aware that during my stay there may be working students, GAP Year students and clients with different packages. The packages determine how many riding lessons, trail rides, or courses they participate in, how many chores are expected, how much time they spend creating children activities, how many playdates they participate in, and what hours they are expected to be ready and start the day by. If somebody else is not having to get up early and help with chores they are probably on a different package than I am.**

Accommodations

Depending on where you are placed accommodations vary. Please consult with your host center if you feel their available accommodations will be suitable for you. If not there are AirBNBs everywhere now, and we strongly suggest for you to look into finding alternative accommodations. If you do not stay on property your host will most likely require you to organize your own transportation i.e. most likely a rental car.

___ (initial here that you agree to and understand the living condition)

Smoking

Our properties are nonsmoking environments.

Groceries

You will be self-catering. The work is hard. We have seen lots of problems with low protein diet and for that reason do not allow vegans to participate in our working student program. Vegetarians can at times be part of our working student program but if you are a vegetarian please describe your diet in the special diet section above.

Forbidden foods

Because the kids that come here are on very different diets and it can be stressful for parents and volunteers or even harmful to the child if he/she eats things they are not supposed to. America has many food like items that are full of GMOs (genetically modified), artificial colors, artificial flavors, antibiotics and other fun stuff. While it will probably not kill you to eat this stuff for a short time, we can't have the kids that live here eat it. So please bring only organic and or GMO free food to New Trails that are not super high in sugar (even if it's organic sugar). You can eat whatever you like at the barn apartment. Some of the brands that are particularly bad in putting worse ingredients into food in America than they are in Europe (because Europe doesn't allow a lot of the chemicals they can use here!!!!) are Kraft, Nestle, Ferrero (i.e. Nutella) etc.

___ (initial here that you agree to and understand the food restrictions)

Children and Pets

Unfortunately we are not able to accommodate you as a working student if you need to bring your child(ren) or pets.

Going out

Clubs and bars in America will only let you in, if you are over 21. You will have to have an ID showing your age with you while going out. If you are under 21 you will unfortunately stay at home. If you like to do that it might be best to check in with us first, take a few days at the beginning or end of your time here, rent a car and enjoy the city.

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Age limit & Driver license requirements

You must be at least 18 years old to be considered as a working student. We have made exceptions for enthusiastic candidates with a strong work ethic.

Responsibilities and Liabilities

You are responsible for you actions! Horse Boy LLC and anybody associated with Horse Boy/NTLS are not liable or responsible for your actions or their consequences.

Guys

If your accommodations are on property the rule is usually no guys/. If you meet a guy (or girl) during your stay, please don't bring them back 'home'.

Parties

This might be a sort of vacation for you, but we do live and work here. If you sit up past 10PM we ask you to do that not in the areas where it disrupts other people's sleep but rather find an area on property or off that lends itself to long evenings without disturbing others.

Internship reports

Please let us know if you have to complete an internship report ahead of time and what you need for your report so we can make sure your chosen location is the right match for you.

Lies and other odd stories

Please don't try to bullshit us. We will find out and it is easier on all of us to be honest with each other.

I certify that the information above is correct and I have read and understand the working requirements and other information. I understand that if I violate any of these rules I might have to leave New Trails at my own expense earlier than planned.

Signature & Date

Questions?

sheryl@smilinggoatranch.com

Thank you for coming out and giving us your time! We really appreciate it and are looking forward to a fun time together here!