



## Mountain Pleasure Horse Association (MPHA) Kentucky Horse Breeders Incentive Fund 2025-2027

### Nominating Requirements:

Mountain Pleasure Horses that fit the following requirements may be nominated to participate in the program:

- Horse must be 25 (twenty-five) years of age or younger
- Horse must have been bred for and born in Kentucky
- Horse must reside in Kentucky
- Horse must be registered with the MPHA and must have DNA verification of either the horse's sire or dam. A three (3) generation pedigree on one (1) side shall be displayed on the certificate of registration, so that the horse, at least one (1) of the horse's parents, and at least one (1) of the horse's grandparents are displayed on the certificate.

Note: All earned money will be awarded to the current owner on record with the MPHA registry.

### High Point Program:

Horses will earn points from participation in approved equine events and competitions throughout the season (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>). Points will be awarded on both placement in a competition (places 1-6<sup>th</sup>) or participation in an approved event.

Horses must be nominated and elect a riding division annually. Each horse may only select one division per season. Divisions include *senior horse* division, *junior horse* division, and *youth* division. All riders/handlers must be current MPHA members.

**Senior horse division** is open to those horses that are 11 years of age and older (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year).

**Junior horse division** is open to those horses 10 years of age and younger (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year).

**Youth division** is open to horses that are youth owned and/or leased and/or trained. Youth riders ages 17 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year are permitted in this category. Once declared a youth horse, the horse must remain in the division for the duration of the year. Riders of the horse may change but must still meet the age requirement.

The horse with the most overall total number of points collected over the competition year will win “High Point Horse” for their respective division, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest placing horse in each division being “Reserve High Point”.

MPHA approved events and disciplines are listed below:

- Competitive Trail
- Trail Obstacle Competition
- Sanctioned Breed Show (MPHA/\*NMHA Classes Only! No “fun shows”)
- Equitation
- Driving
- Showmanship
- Halter/Conformation
- Drill Team Exhibition (to include Breyerfest and KHP Parade of Breeds demonstrations)
- Drill Team Competition
- Parade
- Horse Fair Demonstration
- Mounted Shooting/Archery
- Cattle Sorting
- Calf/Team Roping
- Reining
- Speed/Contesting Events (Barrel Racing/Pole Bending)
- Liberty Competitions
- Gaited Dressage/Western Dressage
- Hunter/Show Jumping
- Organized Trail Rides (Must be an MPHA approved ride to qualify—no “riding on own” or “farm trail rides”)

\*NMHA-National Mountain Horse Association—is a show circuit that promotes all mountain horse breeds, Mountain Pleasure Horses being one of those.

Competitions and events do not need to be in Kentucky for qualifying points to be earned.

Other competitive events may be proposed to the MPHA Board for approval. Applicant must submit event details to the board 30 days prior to the event for approval. The board’s decision is final.

It will be the responsibility of the horse owner to provide proof of completion of the competition, event, exhibition, or trail ride to the designated points collector via MPHA High Point Event Form. This form MUST be signed by event coordinator or judge to be counted towards high points.