

# MARYLAND EQUINE TRANSITION SERVICE

A program of the Maryland Horse Council

## The Intern Experience

The Maryland Horse Council is pleased to offer a new internship program for students interested in broadening their equine experiences and making a tangible impact on the welfare of all horses in the State of Maryland. Internships are available in the fall, spring, and summer, and are open to rising high school seniors and college students. Interns select from one of three tracks to gain practical experience in topics of interest, have flexible schedule options, and can earn college credit, all while participating in a one-of-a-kind industry-based initiative that will be a national model for equine transition and welfare.

Three Tracks Available: Public Education - Program Management - Advocacy (Spring only)



- \* Students in equine-related fields will be given priority
- \*\* Applicants under 18 require a parent's signature

#### **Benefits:**

- Earn college credit where available
- \$800 stipend for summer session
- METS T-shirt
- Free 1-year youth or individual membership in the MHC
- Mentoring by equine and management professionals
- Network with MHC leadership
- On-site and telecommuting options
- Decrease the chance of MD horses becoming at-risk

### Requirements:

- Enrolled in high school (rising senior) or college\*
- At least 17 years of age when internship begins\*\*
- Horse handling experience
- Desire to promote the horse industry
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Access to transportation
- Interest in one of three tracks

#### More About METS

The Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS) is a statewide equine safety net initiative of the Maryland Horse Council provides safe alternatives for horses needing homes by helping owners identify and select the best transition options for their horses. Horses in need of transition come in every shape, size, breed, color, age, training level, and temperament. METS provides individualized services for these horses, including assessment, assistance, end-of-life support, and facilitating the transition of horses to new homes.

Fall /Spring: 14 weeks [10 hours/week] - Unpaid

For credit and non-credit options available

Summer: 8 weeks [30 hours /week] - \$800 stipend

**Location:** The MHC / METS offices are located in Lisbon, Maryland.

Interns will spend at least one day a week at the office and one day in the field. The remaining hours can be fulfilled remotely. Interns must have transportation to and from the office, but can carpool with staff/volunteers to field-

based assignments.



#RIGHTHORSE **BRIGHT HORSE**INITIATIVE Deadline Dates: Application Due

Fall 2018: August 1, 2018 Spring 2019: October 15, 2018 Summer 2019: April 15, 2019

Find more information and the application form online at MDEquineTransition.org