

Referrals invited to Pathway to Employment and Education Program

Toronto, ON – The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program is inviting Quarter Horse licensees to refer students, new employees or interested persons wanting to learn more about working with horses to the Pathway to Employment and Education Program. The first phase of the program begins with attending the Groom One Orientation session on April 15th and 16th, 2010 at the Pickering Horse Centre in Ajax.

Referrals from licensed Quarter Horse participants will have their enrolment fee for the Groom One Orientation session fully subsidized by the Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program (\$175).

Hosted by Equine Guelph, the two-day Groom One Orientation session will focus on safety, horse handling, daily routine, horse health, fire prevention, emergency response, licensing and employment.

Pathway to Employment and Education

Attending the two-day Groom One Orientation session is a mandatory step toward becoming a Pathway Student. Pathway Students will be eligible to be hired by licensed Quarter Horse Pathway Mentors. Pathway Students will also be eligible for a bursary bonus and tuition reimbursement if they successfully earn their Groom One Certificate in 2010, while employed by a licensed Quarter Horse breeder or trainer.

The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program has developed the Pathway to Employment and Education Program to

increase the labour pool; promote skills development in the labour pool; and encourage employers to foster skills development for employees.

For more information about the Pathway to Employment and Education Program visit the Quarter Horse Program section of the Ontario Racing Commission website:

www.ontarioracingcommission.ca

For more information about the Groom One Certificate Program visit Equine Guelph at: www.equineguelph.ca

Licensed Quarter Horse participants may refer candidates for the two-day Orientation session through the Program Coordinator:

Tel: 416-213-0520

Fax: 416-213-7827

Email: qhprogram@ontarioracingcommission.ca

Quarter Horse Breeders and Trainers Invited to Become Pathway Mentors

Toronto, ON – The Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program is inviting licensed Quarter Horse breeders and trainers to sign up as Pathway Mentors for the Pathway to Employment and Education Program. Pathway Mentors are eligible for a wage subsidy attached to Pathway Students hired from the two-day Groom One Orientation

session being held at the Pickering Horse Centre on April 15th & 16th, 2010.

There will be a BBQ hosted on the afternoon of April 16th for interested breeders and trainers who want the opportunity to meet the students at the Orientation session, and learn more about becoming a Pathway Mentor.

The Groom One Orientation session is the first phase of the Pathway Program. Students that attend both days of the Groom One Orientation session are recognized as Pathway Students and have a wage subsidy attached to their employment with a Pathway Mentor. Pathway Mentors are encouraged to support the skills development of these employees, as well as their completion of the Groom One Certificate in 2010. To find out more about the Groom One Certificate Program visit Equine Guelph at www.equineguelph.ca.

To be eligible to receive the wage subsidy as a Pathway Mentor, you must:

- Enrol as a Pathway Mentor
- Be a licensed Quarter Horse breeder or licensed Quarter Horse trainer
- Provide proof of employment for the Pathway Student
- Provide a valid Workman's Compensation Payroll Account Number at time of enrolment
- Employ a Pathway Student

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To enrol as a Pathway Mentor, eligible Quarter Horse breeders and trainers may contact the Program Coordinator directly, or download an application form from the Quarter Horse Program section of the Ontario Racing Commission website at www.ontarioracingcommission.ca.

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