

# Earlham College Equestrian Program Horse Application

NOTE: No horse will be discriminated against based on how these questions are answered. These questions are asked so that Barn Staff may gain a better feel of how your horses will fit into our program and also to make you, the owner, better aware of how our Equestrian Program works. **We do ask that you not send us a completed application until you have been accepted and confirmed your spot at Earlham.** We look forward to reading your application and seeing you in the Fall.

Name of Horse:

Age of Horse:

Breed of Horse:

Gender of Horse:

## About You

1. Why did you choose to come to Earlham College?
2. Why would you like to be a member of the Earlham Barn Co-operative?
3. What discipline do you ride? How long have you been riding?
4. Have you been involved with Pony Club, 4-H, NAHRA, or any similar organizations? Please describe your level of involvement.

## About Your Horse

1. What kind of situation is your horse living in? (Please include stall size, # of stalls per barn, acreage, turnout hours, and any other pertinent information.)
2. Who runs the barn where your horse is currently stabled? Our barn is completely student-run; we do not have any paid professionals.
3. Describe the blanketing/turnout sheet requirements for your horse. Also indicate if your horse requires other “gear” while turned out, i.e.: grazing muzzle, bell boots, etc.
4. Describe the various horsepersons who have handled your horse, and their equine backgrounds. Who currently handles your horse the most on a daily basis? You, your trainer, etc.?

## Horse Health

1. What is your horse’s health history? (Please include illnesses, injuries, regular vaccination schedule, de-worming schedule and de-wormers used, and any other pertinent information). The barn's vet performs all our vaccinations in the fall and the spring based on what the owner wants. We have a worming program that rotates Ivermectin and Strongid. If you do not want your horse wormed by barn staff, you may choose to purchase wormer from us at a reduced price or on your own.

2. What kind of hay does your horse eat? We provide a choice of either alfalfa/grass mix or grass hay.
  
3. What kind of feed is your horse currently on (and how much)? We have Nutrena Prime and 12% sweet feed options. If you purchase supplements for your horse those will be fed at normal feeding times. If we do not provide the feed you need, boarders can purchase their own feed.
  
4. Describe any vices your horse currently has, such as cribbing, wood-chewing, etc.

### **Horse History**

Please give your horse's past history to your best knowledge. Where did you purchase him/her from? Explain any pertinent details and information. It is important to us to know if a horse has come from an abusive or neglectful situation in the past so that we can be aware of that in terms of placing the horse.

### **Horse Behavior**

1. Describe how your horse stands for the farrier, including how he/she stands in crossties for the farrier. If not or if he/she does not stand well for the farrier, are you prepared to hold said horse for the farrier? Our farrier comes every 3 weeks so rotations get done every other time. Therefore, horses are generally done every 6 weeks.

2. How long does your mare/gelding get turned out for? Daily? What breed/age/gender does your horse go out with? Our horses go out at approximately 7am and are turned in around 5pm everyday. There are a variety of herd dynamics.
  
3. Is your horse a leader or a follower? Where does your horse fit into the pecking order of any given herd?
  
4. How tall is your horse? We have a variety of sized box stalls. We generally place smaller horses/ponies in our center stalls which are 10x10. Bigger horses go into our standard 12x12 stalls.
  
5. Please add any other information about you or your horse that you consider relevant and significant.

Okay, that's it, but if you have any questions, you can contact us at [ecstables@earlham.edu](mailto:ecstables@earlham.edu). You can also send in your completed horse application to this e-mail address. Good luck, and we look forward to meeting you in the fall!