Criteria for Boarding Horses at Sweet Briar College

To be eligible for Boarding at the Sweet Briar College stables:

All Horses
- must be sound in both mind and body
- must be able to remain sound in both mind and body when turnout becomes limited due to weather conditions
- must not repeatedly exhibit unsafe behavior on the ground or while being ridden that will jeopardize the safety of the handler or rider

Horses whose soundness cannot be effectively managed with the resources available through Sweet Briar professional contacts or those of the private horse owner may be asked not to return the following semester. This specifically applies to horses who are unsound over an extended period of time (more than ½ of the semester).

Hunters
- must be able to canter a course at a minimum height of 2’6” in a style that would receive a score of 75 or better
- must be able to perform the flying change of lead in both directions on command
- must be comfortable and calm while being ridden in a group of six or more horses
- must be able to quietly trot a low jump
- must be able to be ridden on the flat in a snaffle with a smooth mouthpiece (a slow twist or corkscrew that is smooth to the touch is acceptable)
- must be able to be ridden over fences in a snaffle with a smooth mouthpiece or a Pelham

Jumpers or Equitation Horses
- must be competing at Level 1 or higher
- must jump around a course at the appropriate height showing adjustability and a willingness to respond to the rider’s aids
- must jump in safe form
- must be able to perform the flying change of lead in both directions on command
- must be comfortable and calm while being ridden in a group of six or more horses
- must be able to quietly trot a low jump

Green or Reclaiming Projects
- must show potential to achieve success in fulfilling the rider’s stated goal
- must be comfortable and calm while being ridden in a group of six or more horses
- must show a basic natural ability to fold safely over an obstacle

Videotape requirements
- maximum of ten minutes
- show the trot and canter in both directions
- a course of jumps at the appropriate height with flying changes of lead (unless the horse is a schooling project)