

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The funding to support this program is derived from private gifts, USHJA member events and dedicated fund-raising efforts. The majority of the gifts distributed from the fund will be between \$1,000 and \$10,000. The BOD has set a cap of \$75,000 to any one recipient. No recipient will be eligible for assistance in excess of \$75,000 until a period of three (3) years has passed since the recipient last received funding from the USHJAF Horseman's Assistance Fund. The BOD, in its sole discretion, may modify the cap upon unanimous approval of the BOD.

The USHJAF may provide funding for the following types of expenses. The USHJA Foundation Board of Directors reserves the right to provide funding for any additional expenses they deem appropriate.

Individuals:

- Direct medical expenses related to the emergency situation.
- Insurance premiums to assist the individual in maintaining their insurance coverage during the time of emergency need (medical or property).
- Necessary and basic living expenses during the approved time of the emergency need.

Horses:

- Direct medical expenses related to the emergency situation.
- Transportation expenses related to the emergency situation.
- Boarding, feed, or medical supplies related to the emergency situation.

Organizations:

- Emergency care, transportation or boarding needs for horses in organizations care or in the care of an entity the organization is seeking to assist.

- Medical supplies necessary to provide emergency care to horses or people.
- Grain, hay, shavings or other necessary supplies to provide emergency care to horses.

FUNDING CRITERIA

If you feel you qualify for financial assistance based on the criteria outlined below, please complete the application on the second page of this form and return it to the USHJAF accompanied by the required supportive materials detailed below.

In order to be eligible for assistance, all qualifying applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be financially incapacitated through an illness, tragedy, or accident.
- Applicant must have exhausted other means of support.
- Applicant must be a member of the USHJA or member of an Affiliate organization (proof of affiliate organization membership must be submitted). The BOD reserves the right to approve the requests of non-members on an individual basis.
- Applicant must be a US citizen.

The following materials must accompany the application.

- A typed letter detailing the emergency situation and the impact it has had on your current financial picture and/or reason for emergency funding.
- Financial statements substantiating the request for assistance, including a list of assets and Federal tax returns for the past two years.
- A letter from a licensed physician attesting to the disability.
- If for a horse: A letter from a licensed veterinarian attesting to the emergency need.
- Additional medical and/or other verifiable documentation of the emergency situation (i.e. police report in the event of a natural disaster).
- If requesting assistance to offset loss of income, please provide a time line estimating the time for the financial support.
- If requesting assistance to support your monthly living expenses, please supply copies of statements to substantiate your monthly expenses.
- Provide three letters of reference from USHJA members who can verify your involvement with the hunter/jumper sport and can attest to your need for financial assistance. These letters must be received from the authors and form letters are not acceptable.

Please send your completed application, accompanied by the required attachments, by mail to:

USHJA
Attn: Whitney Allen
3870 Cigar Lane
Lexington, KY 40511

If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Allen at wallen@ushja.org or 859.225.6707.

***** Applications will not be reviewed for consideration until all requested information is submitted and verified.***