

# Interscholastic Equestrian Association Benevolent Fund

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association Benevolent Fund was established through initial donations from the Equus Foundation. IEA members and supporters helped to increase the fund through additional donations are collected throughout the season. The Fund has two purposes: 1) to assist those few students that have the promise, potential, and desire to go forward with the sport, but lack the financial support, and 2) to financially assist IEA coaches during times of unexpected misfortune or hardship.

## Coaches Assistance Grant Information and Application

### A. General

An IEA coach who has endured some unexpected event that affects their ability to generate income through equestrian enterprise can apply to the IEA for a one time “hardship” donation. Sample circumstances that would qualify would include: death of spouse or business partner, physical injury, barn fire/flood/roof collapse. General financial distress will NOT be approved as a qualifying event.

### B. Referral

Referrals for eligible coaches should be submitted to the IEA Executive Director on the included application form. A referral or request can be made by any current IEA member, including a rider from the coach’s team, a fellow IEA Coach, or the Coach that has suffered the hardship.

### C. Additional information

Upon receipt of a Coaches Assistance application, the Executive Director (or their designee) will gather any necessary data to confirm the catastrophic event and relative financial hardship. The IEA Board will review the application and supporting data to determine and potentially approve the distribution of a financial grant, not to exceed \$1000 per applicant.

### D. Application

Submit the application and any additional, supporting recommendations to the IEA Executive Director by mail or e-mail:

IEA Coaches Assistance Program

Roxane Lawrence

P.O. Box 809

Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

[roxane@rideiea.org](mailto:roxane@rideiea.org)

### E. Payment

The Grant payment will be made as immediately as possible following Board approval, and will be sent in the form of a check that is made out to the Coach in need of assistance. This will be a one-time grant, and it can be used to pay any expenses at the recipient Coach’s discretion.

### F. Funding

Initial funding for the Coaches Assistance Program will come from the IEA Benevolent Fund. In an effort to establish an ongoing endowment, the IEA will continue to fundraise and seek out grants and donors to support the longevity and growth of this program.



### IEA Coaches Assistance Application

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

IEA COACH in Need of Assistance:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

IEA Member Submitting this Application:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

On an additional sheet of paper, please describe the unexpected tragedy or circumstance that is affecting this coach's ability to generate income through their professional equestrian enterprise.

This form and supporting documentation should be submitted to:  
Roxane Lawrence, IEA Executive Director Mailing Address: P.O. Box 809, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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