



MEHDI KAZEMI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Friends of Mehdi Kazemi are pleased to offer professional development funds for Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) coach members from Zone 3.

Mehdi was a standout and much loved because of his exuberant and positive personality. A knowledgeable and dedicated equestrian for over thirty years, Mehdi enjoyed sharing his passion for horses. Through teaching, coaching, and mentoring he strived to impart the highest standards of horsemanship.

IEA was important to Mehdi, and he thrived within its ranks as a coach, event host, and course designer. Concerned about the future of the equine industry and lack of educational opportunities for rising and established professionals, Mehdi hoped funds contributed in his memory would be directed toward promoting professional development for coaches.

Individuals with a minimum of two (2) years serving as an IEA coach or assistant coach are eligible to apply. Acceptable use of funds, include but are not limited to: clinics, seminars, educational courses, mounted training sessions, CHA accreditation, USHJA trainer certification, and USEF licensing. A selection committee will review applications to determine the top candidate(s). Funds do not have to be distributed every year. Up to \$2,000 may be awarded annually, and recipient(s) will be announced at Zone 3 Finals.

Those who want to contribute to the Mehdi Kazemi Professional Development Fund may do so by writing a check or donating online through the IEA website.

*Checks should be payable to IEA with Mehdi written in the memo line and mailed to Roxane Durant at 29 Louise Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

*Donate on line by visiting the IEA website <http://www.rideiea.org/donate.html> Click the orange donate button. Select the Other Designated Purpose button then specify "Mehdi" in the line below. Provide credit card details as directed.

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FUND APPLICATION

Name: _____

IEA Team: _____

Number of Years Coaching in IEA (minimum 2 year requirement): _____

IEA Zone & Region: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Provide written request and details of intended use of professional development funds:

Estimated costs associated with professional development: Amount of funding being requested:

Application Process:

- Applications will be available on the IEA website and accepted starting January 1 through March 1 of each competition year.
- Completed application detailing intended use and two (2) required references must be returned to the Zone 3 Administrator by the **March deadline**.
- A selection committee comprised of equine educators and professionals familiar with IEA will review applications and determine the recipient(s).
- Recipient(s) of the professional development funds will be announced at Zone 3 Finals each year.
- **Once awarded, recipient(s) have one year in which to use allotted funds and submit reimbursement requests. Unless prior arrangements have been made, funding becomes void after twelve (12) months.**
- Recipient(s) are responsible for all professional development arrangements and payments. After having completed the event, recipients must submit a reimbursement request along with receipts to the Zone 3 Administrator. Receipts are mandatory for reimbursement. Once proper documentation has been received, the Zone 3 Administrator will forward reimbursement. Send Application & 2 References to: Julie Leitch, Zone 3 Administrator via email at zone3iea@gmail.com