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 Durant
P.O. Box 809
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
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 Durant, IEA Executive Director Mailing Address: P.O. Box 809, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022 or E-mail: roxane@rideiea.org