



## **Horseman's Assistance Fund Eligibility Requirements and Application Procedures for Emergency Assistance**

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The USHJAF Horseman's Assistance Fund ("HAF") was established to provide emergency financial support to individuals who require assistance as a result of accident, illness, and/or are otherwise incapacitated due to a natural disaster.

The funding to support this program is derived from private gifts, USHJA-member Events, and dedicated fund-raising efforts. Funds are distributed based on the situational circumstances of each individual application. Provided they meet all other eligibility requirements, any applicant is only eligible for assistance until such time as he or she qualifies for disability coverage (e.g., Federal SSID or SSI), at which point, the individual is no longer eligible for funding. An applicant may only apply to the HAF two (2) times.

The USHJAF may provide funding for the following types of expenses. The BOD reserves the right to provide funding for any additional expenses it deems appropriate. The BOD also reserves the right to rescind funding should an applicant no longer qualify for assistance.

- 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.

### **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 accident or natural disaster
- Applicant must have exhausted all personal means of support.
- Applicant must be a member of the USHJA.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident of the U.S.

**The following materials must accompany every application:**

- A typed letter detailing the emergency situation and the impact it has had on the applicant's current financial situation and/or reason for emergency funding.



- Financial statements substantiating the request for assistance, including a list of assets and two (2) years of most recently filed tax returns **with all applicable schedules attached**.
- A letter from a licensed physician attesting to the disability.
- If requesting assistance to offset loss of income, please provide an estimated time line of need for the financial support.
- If requesting assistance to support your monthly living expenses, please supply copies of statements, invoices, or other documentation to substantiate your monthly expenses.
- Provide two 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.

*The USHJA Foundation Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may except or modify any of these policies at any time upon unanimous approval of the Board.*

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

**USHJA Foundation  
Attn: Horseman's Assistance Fund  
3870 Cigar Lane  
Lexington, KY 40511**

**Email: [foundation@ushja.org](mailto:foundation@ushja.org)**

**If you have any questions, please contact Penny Brooks at [pbrooks@ushja.org](mailto:pbrooks@ushja.org) or (859) 225-6736 between 9am and 5pm Eastern Time.**

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