

## Region 11 Benevolence Fund

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### **Overview –**

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund was created to meet the needs of our fellow Region 11 members. The initial board members include Tony Reid (Director), Thresa Horn (Vice Director), Chriss Norris (Treasurer), Russ Derango (member-at-large), and DeDee Templeton (member-at-large). The Region 11 Benevolence Fund will include a variety of assistance and scholarship programs as outlined below.

### **Governance –**

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund will be governed by the Region 11 Executive Director, Vice Director, Treasurer, and two members-at-large appointed by the Regional Director for a total of five members.

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund will have a separate bank account, tax ID, and 501c5 status from Region 11.

### **Funding –**

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund will be funded through an initial deposit of \$25,000 from Region 11 in 2024 and then an annual deposit from Region 11 with the amount to be determined during the annual budgeting discussion *if the Region 11 Championship Show is profitable*.. Fundraising events held throughout the year by the Region, Clubs, and individual donations will also be part of the funding.

### **Region 11 Benevolence Fund Categories**

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund will provide monetary assistance based on the following four categories. Please note, the current Region 11 Scholarship Program will be rolled into the Region 11 Benevolence Fund.

#### **Part 1 – Individual/Farm Distress Assistance**

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund is not a substitute for health and other forms of insurance including Workers Compensation and cannot assume or satisfy expenses normally covered by insurance. ***A limit of \$2,500 per individual/farm distress assistance has been set for each calendar year.***

To be eligible for assistance, applicant must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and of Region 11.
- Be a widow/widower, spouse, or dependent of a member in good standing of The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and Region 11.
- Be in good standing with the USEF, if you are a member of this organization.
- Have a lawful financial need.

- Be willing and able to substantiate said financial need in writing, and supply Board members with whatever documentation is requested.

#### Guidelines Governing Individual/Farm Assistance:

- Assistance will be given to needs arising from unexpected, calamitous events.
- Need is not defined as a total lack of assets.
- Need cannot be on a continuing basis.
- Need can only be for necessities.
- Assistance will not be in the form of cash.
- Cosmetic surgery will not qualify.
- There will be no horse business pay off caused by bad management.
- Need arising from workers' compensation situations may not qualify.
- An applicant may appear before the Board, either in person or via zoom, or phone, to present his/her case, if requested.
- The Board retains the final interpretation of all guidelines and has full and final discretion as to the dispensation of funds.
- No funds will be disbursed to an individual directly.

#### Part 2 – Club Outreach Assistance

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund is intended to assist Region 11 clubs in outreach efforts to grow our breed membership, provide our members with activities to participate in including but not limited to horse shows, rides, and clinics. ***A limit of \$1,000 per club has been set for each calendar year.***

To be eligible for assistance, club must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and of Region 11.
- Be willing and able to outline activity in writing including potential outreach and/or participation, and supply Board members with whatever documentation is requested.

#### Guidelines Governing Club Outreach Assistance:

- Lesson program scholarships, first-time show scholarships, Academy class scholarships may all be considered.
- Club assistance for horse shows, rides, and outreach events.
- An applicant may appear before the Board, either in person or via zoom, or phone, to present his/her case, if requested.
- The Board retains the final interpretation of all guidelines and has full and final discretion as to the dispensation of funds.
- No funds will be disbursed to an individual directly.

#### Part 3 – Trainer / Training Barn Assistance

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund is intended to assist Region 11 Trainers and/or Training Barns in outreach efforts to grow our breed membership, provide our members with activities to participate in including but not limited to horse shows, rides, and clinics. ***A limit of \$1,000 per Trainer/Training Barn has been set for each calendar year.***

To be eligible for assistance, Trainer / Training Barn must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and of Region 11.
- Be willing and able to outline activity in writing including potential outreach and/or participation, and supply Board members with whatever documentation is requested.

Guidelines Governing Trainer / Training Barn Assistance:

- Assistance may be provided for lesson program scholarships, first-time show participation scholarships, Academy classes, etc.
- An applicant may appear before the Board, either in person or via zoom, or phone, to present his/her case, if requested.
- The Board retains the final interpretation of all guidelines and has full and final discretion as to the dispensation of funds.
- No funds will be disbursed to an individual directly.

#### **Part 4 – Scholarship Programs**

The Region 11 Benevolence Fund is intended to assist Region 11 members. ***A limit of \$1,500 per individual scholarship has been set for each calendar year.***

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicant must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and of Region 11.
- Be in good standing with the USEF, if you are a member of this organization.

Guidelines Governing Assistance:

- Assistance may be provided for lesson programs, first-time show participation scholarships, Academy classes, AHA Judge's School, USEF Steward's School, as well as continuing education.
- An applicant may appear before the Board, either in person or via zoom, or phone, to present his/her case, if requested.
- The Board retains the final interpretation of all guidelines and has full and final discretion as to the dispensation of funds.
- No funds will be disbursed to an individual directly.