

# RACEHORSE TRAINERS BENEVOLENT FUND

## Grant Criteria

The Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund (RTBF) awards grants to current or formerly licensed racehorse trainers in Britain. Grants are awarded for the relief of financial hardship due to exceptional events beyond the control of the applicant. Examples include accident, illness, family breakdown, bereavement, animal disease and environmental factors. Grants may also be awarded to assist with welfare problems where the beneficiary could not afford to pay for that assistance.

The RTBF makes grants to eligible individuals. All awards are discretionary and may be varied to meet exceptional circumstances.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Individuals must be racehorse trainers currently or formerly licensed by the British Horseracing Authority. They must also have been a member of the National Trainers Federation (NTF) for a period of at least four years.
- All statutory entitlements and benefits must be claimed where applicable. All applicants to provide proof of benefits received and agree to apply for any further entitlements for which they may be eligible.
- RTBF Trustees will apply discretion to limit the maximum grant award in any year.
- All grant applications will be subject to a needs based assessment. Evidence of income and savings will be required.
- All applications must include a Referee. Referees must not be friends or family.

### **GUIDELINES**

- All RTBF applications must be submitted to the Chief Executive of the National Trainers Federation. The address is at the foot of this document.

Registered address: c/o National Trainers Federation, 9 High Street, Lambourn,  
Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 8XL Tel: 01488 71719  
info@racehorsetrainers.org

- The NTF will ensure that all necessary information and evidence has been gathered before submitting them to the trustees for a decision.
- The trustees will expect the applicant to provide evidence that any grant has been used for the purpose for which it was granted.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

- Anyone not residing in Great Britain.

### **Grants will not be made for any of the following:**

- Legal fees
- Anything that should be a statutory entitlement
- Business finance
- Clearance of non-priority debts e.g. credit cards, hire purchase agreements (HP), unsecured bank loans, loans from family and friends
- Where the applicant might reasonably have been expected to avoid any event that has led to a grant being needed

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