

THE TOBY AWARD FOR TRAINING - £4,000 FOR TRAINING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

In order to be eligible for the award applicants must

- Have a verifiable 5-year history of working in racing yards, within a 7-year period
- Be willing to study and achieve qualifications that would help to prepare them for senior roles for example, L3 diploma in work based racehorse care and management plus relevant leadership courses. This will require a commitment to developing a clear career path and engaging with Careers Advice and Training Services to support them throughout the process.
- Demonstrate that they have attributes required to progress to senior roles. Examples include:
 - Being recognised in their yard as a positive role model
 - Have high standards, take pride in their work
 - Behave in a professional manner at all times
 - Be able to give examples of additional responsibilities that they have been trusted with and carried out well

Examples of the type of activity that would support an application are

- Be able to demonstrate dedication to the welfare and training of racehorses by giving examples of when they have 'gone the extra mile' for a racehorse
- Have experience of mentoring others (formally or informally)

Applicants will be asked to

- Provide a short training and development plan giving an explanation of how and why the training will improve their career pathway and the impact that it will have on their personal situation. This can include studying in the UK or working for a racehorse trainer abroad (for further details on an opportunity to work for Graham Motion in the USA contact Shelley Perham s.perham@racehorsetrainers.org)

Applications must be supported by a personal reference from a current or previous employer or senior member of staff stating why the applicant deserves to win the award.

Judging

Judging will take place in January 2018 by the trustees of the National Trainers Federation Charitable Trust who will deem the winner to be the applicant whose training plan, employment history & reference stands out as exemplary.

The Award will be presented at the NTF's Annual General Meeting in February 2018.

Conditions

Applicants must

- Demonstrate commitment to professional development and complete, in the time frame stipulated by the training provider, all training courses paid for by the scholarship
- Submit a quarterly blog to Racing Groom website
- Report on progress and benefits of any training / activities funded by the scholarship; this will appear in relevant racing publications in recognition of the industry funding the award

For more information:

Applicants may email Shelley Perham with any questions or for advice on training opportunities s.perham@racehorsetrainers.org