



Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant Application Process

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant and particularly for your commitment to Morgan horses and equestrian sport.

This grant is specifically for Young Adults under the age of 40 who are AMHA members:

- 1) To further their equine education, skills, or proficiency; and/or
- 2) To provide equine related experiences and education that will further the grant recipient's business endeavors.

The grant application period opens on Ava's birthday, May 13, and will remain open for 90 days ending August 13. If August 13 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the closing date will be the following Monday by the end of the business day (5:00 PM ET).

Inquiries about grant applications or the grant process are only handled by email. Kindly email execdir@morganhorse.com with any questions or comments, and you will receive a response promptly.

Upon submission, you will receive an email at the address provided in the application as verification that your entry has been received. If you do not receive such an e-mail, please contact us. One of the paramount factors in the analysis each year of the growing number of applications is need-based and means-tested applications, and value-based applications. Please note these in your application.

All grant recipients must agree to expenditure responsibility disclosures. As part of those requirements, recipients will need to transmit a written summary of the activities that the grant funded within 45 days of expending the funds. That summary must also include a spreadsheet detailing how and to whom the funds were allocated. The expenditure responsibility requirements dictate as well that evidence be provided that the grant allocation was made for its intended purpose. This requirement can be met in the form of photos from an event, testimonials from those assisted, or otherwise.

QUESTIONS

Am I eligible to apply for a grant?

Grants may be awarded to any AMHA young adult member (under the age of 40 years old).

How is the grant money distributed?

Checks may not be made payable to the individual unless pre-approved and submitted with itemized receipts. However, checks may be made payable to the clinician, institution or business providing the service, unless in the case of reimbursing expenditures that are outlined and approved in the grant proposal if accompanied by the original receipt.

What types of programs, activities, and initiatives will AMHECT consider funding?

Applicants may request funding for ANY purpose that will further their equine education, skills or proficiency; and/or provide equine related experiences and education that will further the grant recipient's business endeavors. It is up to the applicant to make a compelling grant request and include information regarding the audience or reach of the program, along with what they hope to accomplish with the project. The application must be accompanied by a full proposal of the idea, budget details, and proof of any materials that will be used to promote the event and/or program.

How much funding does AMHECT generally give to grant recipients?

AMHECT will consider grants of all sizes. AMHECT reserves the right to award as many or as few grants as deemed appropriate based upon the grant requests received. However, AMHECT will not disperse more than a total of \$5,000 from Boyce-Bender funds per year. AMHECT is not required to disperse the total amount each year and may, or may not, divide funds granted among more than one applicant.

When can I expect to learn if my organization will receive a grant?

The grant review committee meets to consider grants within 30 days of the submission deadline and expects to announce its decisions shortly thereafter. However, the trustees reserve the right to alter the timeline. All applicants, including those not approved for funding, will be notified of the Board's decisions.

What does means-tested mean?

"Means-tested" wording refers to determining need as a principal criterion in awarding grants. The committee also weighs the benefits of the program/event against the proposed budget to ensure the greatest value for the funding allocated.

What types of project costs can the grant cover?

The grant will cover any operational expenses but will NOT cover capital expenses. Applicants are asked to detail all costs associated with a project as part of the budgets they must submit with their applications. Some organizations request grants to fund projects in their entirety, while others ask for only portions of the costs. If AMHECT provides partial funding, payout will not occur until balances of funds are confirmed. (i.e., if the proposal calls for \$4,000 total and AMHECT is willing to grant \$1,000, then the applicant must be able to obtain the balance of funding before AMHECT will pay out the \$1,000).

Does AMHECT accept multi-year proposals, or should applications be limited to a project in a certain year?

AMHECT will consider all proposals submitted and applicants may submit proposals in subsequent years.

How do we go about writing a compelling grant?

AMHECT suggests you check online resources such as <http://www.content-professionals.com/How-to-Write-a-Grant-Proposal.php> or <http://www.fundraiserhelp.com/win-grant-funding-with-a-compelling-needs-statement.htm> or <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/grant-writing-for-dummies-cheat-sheet.html>



Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant Application
Must be received no later than 5 PM ET, Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Name of Applicant: _____

AMHA # _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Website: _____

Primary contact: _____

Email address for contact: _____

Phone for contact: _____

Amount Requested: _____

On a separate, attached page, answer and detail the following:

1. Describe your past & current involvement with Morgan horses.
2. Explain and describe the program for which you are requesting funds.
3. Dates of the program.
4. Detailed budget of the program.
5. Current or alternate sources of funding besides this possible grant.
6. How this program will impact your equine knowledge, skills and/or proficiency.

Please note that part of the selection process is based on your initiative, presentation, and professionalism of this application. Your submission should be a minimum of one page but a maximum of 2 pages with a 12-point font or smaller and a maximum of 1-inch margins.

Email completed application to: execdir@morganhorse.com



Terms & Conditions

1. AMHECT reserves the right to use any collateral or materials provided as part of the application process for promotional purposes.
2. Applicant agrees to acknowledge AMHECT's grant funding on any collateral or materials, including the one-time use of the AMHECT logo.
3. Applicant assumes all risks and responsibilities surrounding event and releases AMHECT and any officers, directors, trustees, agents and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, or demands for damages for personal injury, disability, property damage or other loss of any kind that may sustain as a result of event, whether such loss results from the negligence of such released parties or otherwise (except for claims or liability arising directly from the gross negligence of such parties). Further, applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless AMHECT and the members, officers, directors, agents and employees of any of them from any and all loss, liability, damage or costs that it or they may incur as a result of participation or arising from any of my acts or omissions.
4. All press releases, website or social media news items must be jointly approved by both AMHECT and grant recipient.
5. Decisions regarding the award of grant funding are final. Applicants may not appeal the amount awarded or the events selected for grants.



AMHECT Ava Boyce-Bender Memorial Grant Recipients Expenditure Responsibility Requirements

1. Project Date: _____
(Date by which requestor expects to expend the grant funding being provided)

2. Expenditure Responsibility Pledge

Requestor agrees to provide the following information to AMHECT within 45 days of all grant funding being distributed.

- Written summary of 500 words or less of the activities that the grant funded
- Complete detailing of how and to whom the funds were allocated (expense report)
- Evidence that the grant allocation was made for its intended purposes. This requirement can be met in the form of photos from the event, testimonials from those receiving services or another mechanism approved by AMHECT that demonstrates the grant allocations was made for its intended purpose.
- Electronic photos to document via AMHECT's website and social media sites.

Should you have questions about how to best fulfill these requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the grantor at execdir@morganhorse.com

Signature of Recipient

Printed name of Recipient

Title

Date