

NHSRA CRISIS FUND

PREAMBLE

The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) has as its charitable and educational purpose the promotion of high school rodeo on a national scale for eligible high school students. It is the purpose of the NHSRA to promote the highest type of conduct and sportsmanship at sponsored and sanctioned rodeo events and to encourage participants in this sporting event.

The Board finds that the purpose of the NHSRA will be furthered by the establishment of a "crisis fund" to assist in selected cases when a crisis may occur after an injury, major crisis or natural disasters.

Therefore, a segregated fund to be known as the NHSRA Crisis Fund (the Crisis Fund) is hereby established under the following terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions.

CLAIMS FOR INJURY

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for a discretionary grant from the Crisis Fund, an applicant must meet and fulfill the following conditions:

1. Be a member in good standing of NHSRA, having fully paid his or her dues and rodeo event entry fees.
2. The injury or death for which a grant is requested from the Crisis Fund must have occurred during an NHSRA sanctioned event or in immediate and direct transportation from the participant's home to such rodeo event or from such rodeo event to the participant's home.
3. The applicant must not be in violation of any NHSRA rules or regulations at the time of such injury or death.
4. The applicant must be a member in good standing of the applicant's state or province high school rodeo association which association must be fully affiliated with the NHSRA.

COVERAGE

A grant requested by the applicant or the applicant's representative must be for but not limited to:

5. Medical expense incurred for treatment by a medical doctor, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, registered nurse or a licensed therapist.
6. Hospital expenses incurred in a recognized licensed hospital.
7. Transportation expense incurred for a deceased participant from the location of the rodeo event to the home of the deceased.
8. Funeral expenses for a deceased participant when the death was the result of an injury or accident that occurred during an NHSRA sanctioned event or in immediate and direct transportation from the participant's home to such rodeo event or from such rodeo event to the participant's home.
9. In the event of a death or life threatening injury to a family member that occurs while the contestant is at a State or National Finals Rodeo that requires unplanned travel, they could be eligible for up to \$1,500.00 maximum for travel related to the event.

CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

10. In making its grant decision, the NHSRA shall take into consideration all circumstances considered relevant in its sole discretion, including but not limited to:

- a. Participants other resources and liabilities;
- b. Participants family resources and liabilities;
- c. The nature of the accident and injury;
- d. The severity of the injury;
- e. The probable duration of the injury;
- f. The resulting death of the participant due to such injury;
- g. The extent of insurance coverage and other support available to the participant;
- h. The nature and duration of the injured party's involvement with or contribution to the sport of National High School Rodeo;
- i. Special needs of the participant (such as wheelchairs, ramps, orthopedic saddles, specifically equipped vehicles, leg braces, etc.); and
- j. The nature and extent of the participants and participant's family needs.

11. Such grant shall be paid to or on behalf of such eligible participant as soon as practical after application and approval by the NHSRA Board or its nominee.

12. It is understood that such grants are totally discretionary by the executive committee or its nominee and are subject to such application forms, rules, regulations, standards or requirements as made from time to time and to be adopted by the executive committee.

13. The Crisis Fund may be terminated at any time and for any reason or no reason solely in the discretion of the NHSRA Board of National Directors.

14. The Crisis Fund Committee shall act as a crisis review committee. The NHSRA Executive Director shall have authority and discretion to grant in a summary fashion with or without formal application an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), subject to the funds being available in the Crisis Fund, to any single eligible injured participant and shall report such action forthwith. The Crisis Fund Committee may allow additional grants from the Crisis Fund in their sole and only discretion but a Crisis Fund grant shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), subject to the funds being available in the Crisis Fund, to any single eligible participant.

- a. Additional funds may be granted at the discretion of the Crisis Fund Committee.
- b. In the event of a catastrophic injury, additional funds may be granted at the discretion of the Crisis Fund Committee.

15. Grants shall not be made from the Crisis Fund for property damage such as injury or death of animals, damage to vehicles, trailers, stock, tack, or other equipment [except that the NHSRA may in the sole discretion assist an injured party with payment for emergency repairs, transportation, food, clothing or housing in order to assist the injured participant to return home. Such award shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), subject to the funds being available in the Crisis Fund.]

16. It is understood and agreed that the Crisis Fund is not insurance of any kind but rather a total discretionary grant that may be made to or on behalf of an eligible NHSRA participant injured or deceased as provided for herein.

17. The Crisis Fund shall be a segregated fund and budgeted and accounted for separately from all other National High School Rodeo funds.

18. Contributions may be solicited from sponsors and others to the Crisis Fund but in no event shall a contributor have any authority or discretion as to the conditions for, restrictions on or any other matter

having to do with the grant of the funds. Such authority is totally discretionary with the NHSRA Board of National Directors. Such contributions from any form of sponsor or contributor or fund raising activity are non-commissionable donations on the part of any NHSRA staff member or board of director.

19. No part of this fund may be used for any political purpose or in support of any political office.

20. The Crisis Fund shall be available from and after the date of its adoption by the NHSRA Board of Directors.

21. The Board of National Directors may amend any term or condition of the Crisis Fund or terminate the same entirely.

CLAIMS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID

Humanitarian assistance is intended to save lives, alleviate suffering and maintain human dignity during and after man-made crises and natural disasters. Each case will be reviewed by NHSRA to determine eligibility of the program. Humanitarian Aid Grants shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00)

In order to qualify for this membership benefit:

- NHSRA (JR/HS) member must be in good standing
- Event must have caused a major hardship or must be life-altering
- Event must have been caused by a natural disaster or a major crisis