

FLORIDA HBPA **Benevolence Guidelines**

The Florida HBPA Benevolence Program is intended to provide ASSISTANCE to backside employees based on medical and financial NEED. To qualify, backside employees must be licensed, currently working for a licensed trainer only and appear on that trainer's badge list. The applicant must be currently working at Gulfstream Park, Gulfstream Park West, or Palm Meadows. Please be aware that any attempt to misrepresent or falsify information on the application will be considered fraud and will subject that barn to suspension from our program indefinitely.

Eligible backside employees considerate for benevolence assistance include:

- Grooms
- Hot Walkers
- Exercise Riders
- Night Watchmen
- Foreman
- Assistant Trainers
- **Trainers (see trainers' section)**

All applications for assistance must be filled out fully and completely. They are required to present current track ID, active state license, and most recent paystub or proof of employment. **All applicants must have worked on the backside at one of the three venues listed above for a minimum of 30 days in the past six months.** Applicants will be considered and/or approved only by members of the benevolence committee.

EYE CARE

Eye care appointments, when approved, will be made through the FHBPA office only.

DENTAL CARE

Dental care, when approved, will be made through the FHBPA office based on medical need and/or emergency.

MEDICAL

Most medical issues can be addressed at the onsite clinic. Chaplain Tom LaPointe will assist those with more serious medical issues by helping to enroll them in the Broward County Health system.

PRESCRIPTIONS/MEDICAL

All “paid” prescription receipts must be submitted to the Benevolence Committee for approval. Please provide clear and readable receipts.

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

A currently licensed individual (or immediate family defined as mother/father, wife/husband, child, sister/brother) may qualify to receive monetary assistance upon approval of the FHBPA and Gulfstream Park through the Board of Relief Fund available at Gulfstream Park.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The FHBPA provides annual scholarship consideration for the following:

- Children of all eligible backside workers as defined in paragraph one.
- Proof of full time Florida residency is required in all cases.
- Please include a letter of acceptance from the college/university.
- Students enrolled in a 4-year program may qualify for up to \$3,000 per year.
- Students enrolled in a 2-year program and/or trade school may qualify for up to \$1,500 per year;
- For those already being assisted and applying for additional year’s consideration, please include the last available grade transcript.
- Currently only undergraduate studies can be approved.
- Verified household income must not exceed \$75,000 annually.

ADDITIONAL BENEVOLENCE

The Benevolence Committee may consider and approve any benevolence request not addressed in prior paragraphs.

Please do not hesitate to apply if you feel your circumstances warrant consideration from the committee.

TRAINERS

Trainers making a request, must, for consideration, complete an application and submit a copy of the previous year’s tax return. For consideration, the trainer must also be currently racing at Gulfstream Park or Gulfstream Park West. Spouses and children of trainers will not be considered for benefits unless a special request is made in writing by the trainer to the benevolence committee.