

BHS Berkshire Training Bursary 2017

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in partnership with Checkendon Equestrian Centre

BHS Berkshire, in partnership with Checkendon Equestrian Centre, is offering a £1000 training bursary, to be divided between successful candidates. The aim of the bursary is to support BHS members who are working in the industry, or who plan to do so, and who wish to advance their equestrian knowledge and qualifications at any level from Stage 1 onwards.

How to Enter:

The bursary is open to applicants training for their Stage 1 or above in riding, stable management or teaching. Candidates must live within the Berkshire postcode area and must be either a BHS Gold member or a BHS Accredited Professional Coach. Applications must be submitted, by email or post, by 31 May 2017.

Simply complete the application form (available at BHS.org.uk/Berkshire) and send it with a supporting letter from your current instructor/trainer. The letter should describe the candidate's ability and motivation, and what exam they are currently working towards.

Terms & Conditions:

- 1) Candidates must live within the Berkshire postcode area.
- 2) The bursary fund will be split between successful candidates. Amounts awarded may vary, and there is no guarantee of an award being given.
- 3) No money will be given directly to winners – winners will be required to submit invoices for training and the training provider will be paid directly.
- 4) Training must be taken at BHS Approved venue in Berkshire or with an Accredited Professional Coach in Berkshire.
- 5) Invoices for completed training must be received within 12 months of the award being given.
- 6) Selection will be based on the application form and supporting letter.
- 7) Any and all bursaries will be awarded at the sole discretion of the selection panel on behalf of the BHS Berkshire committee. Any application made for a bursary may be rejected for any reason whatsoever and the decision of the selection panel will be final.

The Selection Panel will award the bursary to candidates who can demonstrate a genuine commitment to advancing their equestrian knowledge and achieving BHS qualifications. Successful candidates will be chosen from their application form and support letter. Amounts awarded may vary between applicants at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel, up to a maximum total of £1000. There is no guarantee that an applicant will receive a bursary.

Application Form

This application form asks candidates about their experience to date and their aspirations and plans for the future. Please feel free to use additional pages to write more if you wish.

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
BHS Membership Number	
Age, if under 18	
Please outline your current situation and position in the equine industry, for example maybe you already work in the industry or perhaps you are still at school but are training and plan to take up an equine course when you graduate.	
Please describe your riding experience. How many years have you been riding? Do you have any qualifications? Are you riding regularly at present, and at what level? If you are not currently riding, please state why not.	
Do you compete, or have you in the past, and to what level? Include details of notable successes and give details of any horses you have produced for competition.	
Give a brief outline of the training you have received to date. This may be for BHS stages, discipline-specific training for competitive riding, or something else. Please state when the training was received, for how long and from whom, and what training you currently take.	

If you teach, please state the qualifications you hold and when they were attained. How long have you been teaching for? What level do you train pupils up to?

What area of the industry do you intend to specialise in? E.g. teaching, riding, stable management or another part of the equestrian industry?

What steps in your career would a bursary from BHS Berkshire help you achieve? What difference would it make?

Why do you think you should receive a bursary from BHS Berkshire?

What amount of funding are you applying and how would this be spent?

I understand that bursaries will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel on behalf of the committee of BHS Berkshire, and accept the Terms and Conditions of the bursary.

Signed.....Date.....

(If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign on your behalf)

Please return your completed form before 31st May 2017 to:

Linda Tarrant, Checkendon Equestrian Centre, Lovegrove's Lane, Checkendon, RG8 0NE, or by email (PDF files please) to: Linda@checkendonequestrian.co.uk

All applicants will be contacted by the 30th June 2017 once their application has been reviewed by the selection panel.