

## **Isabella County 4-H Horse Leaders Association**

### **Hardship Committee**

#### **Guidelines**

The following are guidelines established to be used by the hardship committee in determining the approval of a hardship application:

1. All requests will be submitted in writing in a standardized format to the hardship committee. Begin the application procedure by reviewing the current Isabella County 4-H Horse and Pony project rules and regulations
2. Written requests will be submitted to the chairman of the hardship committee (ICHL President), which will include a hardship application, project registration form with photo and vaccination record. Hardship applications can be picked up from the extension office or found on the 4-H website and are to be completed and returned to the extension office.
3. A meeting will be scheduled within 3 weeks of application to the committee. At which time the member will present in person their application of request. It is preferred that the member be accompanied by their leader and a parent. Necessary documentation will be reviewed at this time.
4. The hardship committee will then meet separately to make their decision. Having been granted the autonomy to make such decisions by the ICHL. The decisions of the hardship committee are final and binding. Upon completion of the decision process, the applicant will be notified of the decision of the hardship committee.
5. Upon approval of the hardship application, the member will be responsible for complying to the balance of the requirements as described in the current Isabella County 4-H horse and Pony project rules and regulations. This includes the possession of and care of the animal as has been established.

We understand the difficulty of having to be denied the privilege of exhibiting in the fair, but collectively, as leaders, we have a commitment to the well-being of all 4-H members and so our decisions reflect that commitment.

Thank you,

The Hardship Committee

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**Application for Horse Project Hardship**

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Administrative Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project Horse : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Hardship Horse (If request is for a change of Horse): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Backup Horse (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly detail the reason(s) that the request is being made:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. A separate statement from a veterinarian is required if request is being made for medical reasons. If the request is based on unsuitability between horse and rider, a separate statement is required from the member's leader defining why the horse is unsuitable. Please include the statement(s) with this application.
3. If a replacement horse is being requested; please describe the horse that is being presented for hardship, its previous use/show experience, and the members experience with this horse.

There have been vaccination requirements established for all horse exhibits, of which the hardship horse will have to come into compliance. Therefore, the deadline dates may have to be changed for the hardship horse's vaccinations, if it can be established by the Hardship committee that such dates meet the necessary time restraints that such vaccinations require. Therefore, the vaccination history of the hardship horse may be reflected in the hardship committee's decisions.