



## The George Mernagh Memorial Fund

### George Mernagh Memorial Fund (GMMF) QR Bursary

The George Mernagh Memorial Fund Limited, was established in memory of the late George Mernagh who had a lifetime interest in equestrian sports. The GMMF objective: 'supports participation, education and development in all aspects of equine sport'.

The GMMF provides a bursary of €600, to contribute towards the cost of racing equipment, to suitable newly licensed qualified riders or qualified riders returning to the sport after a prolonged absence of 3 years or more.

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***Please contact [equip@hri.ie](mailto:equip@hri.ie) for clarification if required.***

You may apply to avail of the George Mernagh Memorial Fund €600.00 bursary, subject to availability, should you meet the following criteria:

- You must have been granted a QR licence, issued by the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB), in the last year or in the process of renewing a qualified riders license after a prolonged absence.
- Provide a reference from a Trainer/restricted Trainer, pre-trainer or handler outlining your experience and why you are a suitable candidate for the bursary.
- A brief phone interview with equip will be requested to confirm eligibility.
- The bursary will be paid in one instalment into the bank account provided (this will only be requested upon successful application).

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I have read the above policy in relation to the financial support given by The George Mernagh Memorial Fund towards achieving a QR licence and I understand all the conditions of same.

Signed

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Applicant

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Date

# George Mernagh Memorial Fund QR Bursary - Application Form A

## Section (i)

Applicant Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Phone Number:	_____
Email Address:	_____

# George Mernagh Memorial Fund QR Bursary - Application Form B

To be completed by the applicant prior to submission to equip for approval:

Course title:

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1. What are your goals as a Qualified Rider?

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2. How will this course be of benefit to you in your ambitions to becoming a successful QR?

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4. Is there any additional non-financial support HRI can provide?

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5. Will you be receiving any other financial funding towards your Qualified Riders licence?

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Equip representative

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**Reimbursement Policy**

In the event that you fail to compete as a Qualified Rider, you may be liable to repay any payments The George Mernagh Memorial Fund have made in relation to the QR bursary.

In this instance, following consultation with you, a repayment plan will be scheduled, and your personal circumstances will be taken into consideration.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

I accept the conditions as defined by the policy and outlined above and confirm that all information supplied herein by me, the named applicant is true and accurate.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Equip representative

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Equip Manager

**Checklist:**

You must have supplied / completed each of the items on the below list in order for your application to be processed, if you have any queries about anything on the list, please contact Aine O'Connor on [aoconnor@hri.ie](mailto:aoconnor@hri.ie).

i) Applicant has signed and dated this document	
ii) Applicant has fully completed Application Form A & B	
iii) A reference from a licensed trainer/restricted trainer/ handler/ pre-trainer	

Please return completed application form via post or email to the following address:

Post: Aine O'Connor,  
Horse Racing Ireland,  
Ballymany,  
The Curragh,  
Co. Kildare.

Email: [equip@hri.ie](mailto:equip@hri.ie) / [aoconnor@hri.ie](mailto:aoconnor@hri.ie)