

GQHA Crisis Fund

Distributions from the Crisis Fund will be based on proven financial need arising from a sudden and demonstrable hardship or disaster of a severe and unexpected nature or from serious physical illness. Such distributions shall be limited to the relief of the poor and distressed or the underprivileged. Therefore, before any distributions will be made, there must be evidence of proven financial need.



General Criteria:

1. Limited to any GQHA member or immediate family member (spouse, child/stepchild, legal ward).
2. Must be a GQHA member for 3 consecutive years.
3. Member applying for assistance must:
 - a. Have a referral for assistance through their GQHA Director or AQHA National Director.
 - b. Complete Application for Assistance.
 - c. Provide a financial statement and a copy of the previous year's tax return to the Crisis Fund CPA.

To overcome the reluctance of applicants to send their federal income tax return to the Association for evaluation of their financial need, the Board of Directors has adopted the following procedure. An applicant will send their tax return and financial information to the GQHA CPA to insure privacy of the information. The CPA will evaluate the information to determine if an applicant is eligible to receive payment from the Crisis Fund. The CPA will notify the Crisis Fund Chairman when an application has been received, and after evaluation of the information, will notify the Chairman of the CPA's opinion regarding the financial need of the applicant. The Chairman will then notify the applicant of the Crisis Fund Committee and Board of Director's decision.

In evaluating evidence of financial need, consideration shall be given to the following criteria:

1. Annual gross family income of the recipient.
2. Annual net family income of the recipient.
3. Number of children or dependents comprising family of the recipient.
4. Availability of insurance.
5. Any other source of support available to a recipient.
6. The severity of the disaster, hardship or illness.

The GQHA Crisis Fund Committee shall be comprised of one (1) CPA and two (2) Past Presidents of GQHA appointed by the current President of GQHA. The first year there will be a one appointed to a 2 year term and one appointed to a 3 year term. After that, the current GQHA President will fill any vacancies or expirations of term by appointing a new member to a 3 year term.