

**APPLICATION INFORMATION  
FOR THE  
2008 SEPPALA HERITAGE GRANT**

**Mission Statement:** In keeping with the legacy of Leonhard Seppala and the qualities demonstrated by him in his lifetime, the Seppala Heritage Grant has been established to support and promote those persons demonstrating a commitment to work with, train and race sled dogs, and who demonstrate the qualities of generosity of spirit, courage, integrity and love for the dogs, land and people of Alaska.

**Background Information:** The grant has been seeded by the Seppala Family with a \$10,000 donation and a four-year commitment of \$10,000 per year per recipient. It is the hope of the Seppala Family and the Selection Committee that other persons or organizations will donate to this charitable grant with money or services, thereby increasing the outreach potential of this grant. Grant funds are administrated by Iditarod National Historic Trail, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization with 501 C-3 federal tax status.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must own their own dog team and operate their own kennel. Persons eligible for the grant include any youth, junior musher or rookie (a rookie is any person regardless of age who aspires to run the Iditarod for the first time), and who demonstrates the qualities outlined above. Financial need will also be considered.

**Use:** Grant proceeds are to be used for actual expenses directly related to getting the recipient to the starting line of the 2007 Iditarod. These include transportation of musher and team, entry fee, food drop expense, housing and related expenses.

**Application Process:** Application (1) must be fully completed, (2) received not later than May 18, 2007, (3) mailed via U.S. mail to Dan Seavey, P.O. Box 923, Seward, AK 99664.

**Selection:** The Seppala Heritage Grant will be awarded by June 2, 2006. The grant recipient will be chosen by the Selection Committee whose judgment is final. The decision will be announced at the Iditarod Annual Meeting and Volunteer Picnic in June 2007.

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Applicant Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

FAX:

Date of Birth:

Location, Name and Date of Completed 200 Mile Iditarod Qualifying Race:

Location, Name and Date of Completed 300 Mile Iditarod Qualifying Race:

Number of dogs in your kennel:

**Please answer the following four questions in detail. Try to provide as much information as possible. Attach separate sheets of paper with your answers.**

- 1) Describe your experience with Alaskan sled dogs.
- 2) In what ways do you go the extra mile to take especially good care of your dogs?
- 3) Specify how you have been funding your sled dog racing to this point and why you are in need of additional financial assistance.
- 3) Please send a recent photo of your dog yard.
- 4) Please attach three letters of recommendation from people of your choice that describe your personal qualities while keeping in mind the Mission Statement of the Seppala Heritage Grant. Your letters of recommendation should include but are not limited to describing the writer's relationship to the applicant, the length of time the person has known the applicant and why they think the applicant is a good representative of the tradition of dog mushing in Alaska.

Please submit this application along with your letters of recommendation and a photo of your dog yard by May 18, 2007 to:

Seppala Heritage Grant Committee

c/o Dan Seavey

P.O. Box 923

Seward, Alaska 99664

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