

## SUFFOLK HORSE SOCIETY GRANTS FOR 2026

Detailed below are the grants offered by the Suffolk Horse Society in 2026.

These grants operate alongside the HBLB code of practice, and with due regard to SPARKS 2026 which has been set up to promote the genetic health of the Suffolk horse population.

Grants and premiums are only payable to horses owned by *fully paid-up members* of the Suffolk Horse Society.

Only horses registered with the Suffolk Horse Society are eligible for grants.

### **Guidance:**

- Stallions must be available for the covering season: 15<sup>th</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.
- All grant applications must be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 (No grants can be claimed after this date).
- Only the owner of the animal/animals can apply for their eligible grant, no third party applications will be accepted.
- Payment of grants and premiums is at the discretion of the Suffolk Horse Society Council.
- The Society reserves the right to withdraw or alter the terms of these grants at any time.
- VAT is not payable on grants.

*The Society is extremely grateful to the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) and to all supporters who have helped to raise money for the Society, thus enabling it to offer breeding grants for 2026.*

<b>Stallion Grants:</b>	
<b>Stallions standing at stud in 2026, must be licenced and registered in the UK Pedigree SHS Stud Book.</b> <b>They must be available for natural covering from 15<sup>th</sup> February until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.</b> <b>£300 will be paid towards the costs incurred if their swab certificate is received by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026.</b> <b>Any stallion not swabbed will not be eligible to any further stallion grants.</b>	
<b>Conditions:</b>	
1.	Stallion owner/manager to provide the Society with a copy of the current negative BEVA Laboratory certificate for the 2026 season, along with a copy of the vet's invoice confirming the date it was taken, horse's name and cost incurred in order to validate the payment.  Please request your vet collects a standard set of stallion swabs as detailed in the International (HBLB Codes of Practice 2026) recommendations ( <a href="https://codes.hblb.org.uk/downloads/2026/CEM.PDF">https://codes.hblb.org.uk/downloads/2026/CEM.PDF</a> ) and that they are submitted to a BEVA approved laboratory for bacterial culture or PCR testing.  <b>Stallions must be swabbed before covering their first mare of 2026, the swab certificate must be sent into the office by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. Grants will not be paid out without evidence of the swab.</b>
2.	Stallions not swabbed in 2026 will not be entitled to any further stallion grants. If a stallion is licensed after April 2026 then the Stallion Listing Grant will be paid out the following season.

	The Society will only pay an animal one swabbing grant per season. The stallion receiving listing grants must be available to stand naturally for the whole of the covering season.
3.	The stallion owner/manager must also supply up-to-date contact details, plus information and a photograph of their stallion for promotion of the stallion on the SHS website and on social media. Failure to comply will result in the SHS not paying the grant.
4.	A stallion that has already sired more than 20 registered breeding progeny (as calculated at the start of the year; i.e January 1 <sup>st</sup> ) is eligible only for a reduced grant of £275.00 towards the swab. NB: Report of birth grant and travel grants will not be available to this stallion.
<p><b>Stallion – Offspring Reported Births Grant, or Foetus (over 120 days)</b> The Society will award the following grant to the stallion when a foal is registered, in accordance with the SPARKS system: Green, Yellow and Orange matings - £70 RED and AA, Supplementary, Supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 matings - £0</p>	
<p><b>Conditions:</b></p>	
1.	The owner or registered keeper of the dam must report the birth of foal/ or aborted foetus to the SHS <b>within seven (7) days</b> of it occurring. Confirmation must be given in writing/by email to the SHS office. Confirmation must be received from a veterinary surgeon to the SHS to confirm the foetus was over 120 days gestation. The SHS will pay up to £300 for a post mortem. The SHS will not pay out a grant without confirmation – therefore a copy of a veterinary report is required.
2.	The grant will be paid for each live, still-born foal or aborted visible/recovered foetus (older than 120 days gestation). Upon receipt of vets report into the office.
3.	The grant will also be payable if the mare dies and is shown to be in-foal by a veterinary surgeon’s post-mortem. Confirmation from the vet’s of PM must be received into the office within seven (7) days.
4.	These events must be reported to the SHS office <b>within seven (7) days</b> of them occurring, for the grant to be honoured. Confirmation must be given in writing to the SHS office.
<p><b>Stallion – Covering Travel Grant</b> This is available to stallion owners for expenses incurred when travelling a UK registered, licenced Suffolk stallion to a UK registered Suffolk mare for a natural covering. NB: No travel grant will be given to a stallion if he has already sired over 20 breeding progeny or to cover an AA, Supplementary, Supplementary X and Class 3,2,1 mares, or a mare known to the Society to have fertility issues. Payable at <b>£1.00</b> per mile for the round trip, excluding the first 50 miles, and not exceeding the amount of £200 for UK registered, licenced stallions, loaded inbound and loaded outbound journeys must be on the same day. One visit each season per mare is paid. Subsequent visits to the same mare are not eligible for this grant. NB: No travel grant will be given to a stallion travelling if he has already sired over 20 breeding progeny or to cover an AA Supplementary, Supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 mare, or a mare known to have fertility issues.</p>	

<b>Condition:</b>	
1.	<p><b>Owners</b> wishing to claim a stallion travel grant must complete the ‘Stallion Travel Grant Application Form’ and return this to the SHS <b>by post</b>. The Application Form details the date of the journey, the postcodes of the home stable and the destination, the name and registration number of the mare, the owner of the mare and the distance travelled.</p> <p>Claims must be received <b><i>by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 at the latest, no grants will be honoured after this date.</i></b></p> <p>Only the owner of the animal can apply, no third party application will be accepted.</p>
<p><b>Stallion - Licensing Grant</b>  <b>(please refer to the ‘Conditions of Stallion Licensing’ document)</b></p> <p>A SHS stallion licence is carried out by the SHS inspection team which comprises of an SHS recommended veterinary surgeon and two SHS Inspectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>£350.00</b> payable to the owner of a successfully licenced colt following presentation for inspection.</li> <li>▪ <b>£250</b> payable if a licence is failed or deferred. If the colt is reinspected and issued with a Stallion Licence the remaining £100.00 will be paid.</li> </ul> <p><b>NB: If the colt’s inbreeding coefficient is greater than 0.125 then no grant is payable. However, the colt is still eligible for licensing free of charge.</b></p>	
<b>Conditions:</b>	
1.	The society will offer licensing twice a year in April and September. All stallions must be licenced before the end of April 2026 in order to qualify for licensing grant payment in October 2026. If a stallion is licensed in September the Stallion Licence grant will be paid in October 2027.
2.	Once the Stallion Licence Application Form has been received in the SHS office, the Stallion Inspection must be carried out within four weeks. If the Licence is not carried out within this time the stallion owner may be eligible for costs associated with the licence inspection. <b>Please note you need to apply by the middle of March 2026 or by the middle of August 2026 for this to happen.</b>
3.	<p>Licence inspections will preferably take place at a veterinary venue with suitable facilities so that a full inspection may be carried out. Other suitable venues may be permitted provided they have adequate facilities and meet the criteria of the stallion inspectors and veterinary surgeon. The Society reserves the right to refuse inspection if facilities are not satisfactory on the day of inspection.</p> <p>A grant of £50 is available to the owner to travel the colt to a suitable venue for the inspection, as agreed by the SHS.</p>
4.	The colt owner and veterinary surgeon must complete the Stallion Licence Application Form. Failure to complete this correctly could result in the colt failing inspection and the colt owner may be eligible for costs associated with the full licence Inspection.
5.	Colts are not eligible for Show Grants or points for trophies until they are successfully licensed and issued with a full stallion Licence number.
6.	If a Stallion Licence is deferred, the second inspection will need to be carried out at a venue of the Suffolk Horse Society’s choice and will be at the owners expense.

7.	A copy of appeal process is in <i>Conditions of Entry</i>
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### Mare Grants:

#### Mare - Swabbing

Genital swabs as advised by the International (HBLB) Codes of Practice 2026: <https://codes.hblb.org.uk/downloads/2026/CEM.pdf> are recommended.

The Society will pay **£75.00** towards the veterinary cost of swabbing your mare.

#### Conditions:

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| 1. | A BEVA Laboratory Certificate 2026 mare swab and a copy of the vet's invoice must be sent to the SHS office by the 1st October 2026 as proof to validate payment. |
| 2. | If you received mare in-foal information from your vet please forward a copy of this to the SHS office.   |

#### Mare – Covering Grant

Available to the owner of each pure bred mare of breeding age (3yrs-18yrs), covered or inseminated by a UK registered, licensed Suffolk stallion.

The Society will award the following covering grant, in accordance with the SPARKS system: Green mating £100, Yellow mating £75.00, Orange mating £50.00.

RED and AA, Supplementary, Supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 matings - £0

**NB: No covering grant is payable if stallion has over 20 plus breeding offspring.**

No covering grants will be paid out if the colt is not licensed before covering takes place, or if the grant application is received after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026.

#### Conditions:

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| 1. | Only one grant per mare per season. (Payable using SPARKS 2026 on the last stallion covering of the season).<br>No mare grants are available if you choose to use a stallion with 20 plus breeding offspring (as calculated at the start of the year, i.e January 1 <sup>st</sup> ).  |
| 2. | <b>International Registered Mares/Supplementary, Supplementary X, and Class 3,2,1 registered mares.</b><br>a) AA (ANGLO AMERICAN) supplementary, supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 foals will qualify for a free passport if registered by 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026<br>b) Once an AA (ANGLO AMERICAN) - Class 3 female offspring has reached the stage of entry to the main Stud Book it should receive the same grants as a fully registered UK mare.<br>c) There will no travelling grant for AA, Supplementary, Supplementary X, and Class 3,2,1 horses but a £75.00 swab fee may be given. |

#### Mare – Grant for lost Pregnancy

The Society will pay **£150** for the mare owner for an aborted or lost foal on production of a veterinary report submitted to the office within seven days.

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| 1. | The owner of the dam must report the birth of a foal to the Suffolk Horse Society <b>within</b> |
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	<b>seven (7) days</b> of it occurring.
2.	The grant will be paid for each still-born foal or aborted recovered foetus older than 120 days gestation. Confirmation must be received from a veterinary surgeon in writing to the SHS office to confirm the foetus was over 120 day gestation. The SHS will pay up to £300 for a post mortem. <b>Please note:</b> The SHS will not pay out a grant without formal written confirmation.
3.	The grant will also be payable if the mare dies and reported to be in-foal by a veterinary surgeon's post-mortem. This paperwork evidence must be received in the SHS office within seven (7) days of losing a foal/mare.
4.	These events must be reported to the SHS office <b>within seven (7) days</b> of occurrence.

### **Foal Registration Grant**

All foal owners will be provided with a registered Suffolk Horse Society Passport.

The grant is used to contribute towards veterinary costs associated with providing a passport. The SHS pays for blood samples for parentage verification. The SHS member's vet must send the blood sample to Weatherbys and the SHS will receive confirmation of parentage from Weatherbys directly.

Mare owners must apply by completing all foal registration paperwork to register foals **before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026** to obtain a Foal Registration Grant in 2026.

*Any paperwork received after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 could result in no Foal Registration Grant being allocated.*

The Society will award the following foal registration grant, in accordance with the SPARKS system:

Green matings - £250

Yellow mating -£200, Orange matings - £150

RED and AA Supplementary, Supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 matings - £0

The SHS will provide an equine passport free of charge as per UK legislation (Defra) - all horses in the UK require an equine passport. A foal must have a passport within six months of birth, or by 30<sup>th</sup> November in the year of birth, whichever is later.

If a Passport is issued more than twelve months after birth it will be issued as a duplicate or replacement passport and the animal cannot be used for human consumption. A duplicate or replacement passport will be charged at £50.00, additional costs to the mare owner for this passport will be inspection of the animal and bloods for DNA verification.

All foals are eligible for a FREE passport if submitted by the deadline of November 30<sup>th</sup>. However grants are only payable if submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Only grants advertised in 2026 will be paid out in 2026.**

### **Conditions:**

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| 1. | The owner or registered keeper of the dam of each foal is required to report the birth of the foal to the SHS <b>within seven days</b> of it occurring. |
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2.	<p>Upon notification of each live birth the office will send a registration and identification form to the mare owner for completion by the owner and their nominated veterinary surgeon. The completed foal registration and identification form must be returned to the office before <b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2026</b>. The document will be incorporated into the equine passport.</p> <p>Any paperwork received after this time could result in no foal registration grant being allocated.</p>
3.	<p>The owner of the dam of each foal <b>must</b> provide the Society with a covering certificate for each foal to be registered. <b>Covering certificates are mandatory under UK legislation (Defra).</b></p>
4.	<p>The foal must be micro-chipped. <b>(Please note under UK legislation (Defra) micro-chipping is mandatory for all horses issued with a new passport since 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.)</b></p>
5.	<p>A blood sample from the foal must be provided and sent to Weatherbys using the address provided on the blood sampling form.</p>
6.	<p>If parentage cannot be verified by Weatherbys then the foal will not be eligible for inclusion in the main section of the SHS Stud Book.</p>
7.	<p>To receive the free passport the owner of the Suffolk foal must be a fully paid up member of the Suffolk Horse Society (Please contact the office for details of membership and associated costs).</p>
8.	<p>The Suffolk Horse Society reserves the right to publish any/all animal information which is included within the grant application.</p>
<p>The Suffolk Horse Society strongly recommends that all horses are immunised against Equine Influenza and Tetanus. We strongly recommend that all foals are given Tetanus anti-toxin (Tetanus toxoid), preferably within 24 hours after birth to provide initial protection before a full immunization programme against Equine Influenza and tetanus starts at 6 months of age.</p> <p>Veterinary advice pertinent to each owner's horses should be sought for best management practices.</p>	
<p><b>Mare – Covering Travel Grant</b></p> <p>Available to mare owners for expenses incurred in travelling long distances to a suitable stallion, for a natural covering. Payable at <b>£1.00</b> per mile for the round loaded trip, excluding the first 50 miles on the loaded outbound and 50 miles on the loaded inbound trip, and capped at £200 for the entire round journey. The travelling grant is payable for the journey, not the mare. Therefore, the mileage calculation is the same regardless of the number of mares being moved.</p>	
<p><b>Conditions:</b></p>	
1.	<p>Owners wishing to claim a Mare Travel Grant <b>MUST</b> complete the Mare Travel Grant Form to confirm the mileage incurred. Claims must be received <b>by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 at the latest</b>. (Mileage claims are not part of the Suffolk Horse Society Covering Certificates therefore must be completed by the owner as a separate document, failure to provide this information could result in no travel grant payments).</p>
2.	<p>Only one Covering Grant and one Travel Grant claim per mare, per covering season,</p>

	will be permitted.
3.	No travel grant will be paid to a mare travelling to be covered by a stallion who has over <b>20 plus breeding offspring</b> (as calculated at the start of the year, i.e January 1 <sup>st</sup> ). RED and AA Supplementary, Supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 matings or a mare who is known to have fertility issues.
4.	Owners wishing to claim a Mare Travel Grant must complete the 'Mare Travel Grant Application Form' and return to the SHS by post by 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026. The SHS office will send the necessary form/s to the owners, if requested.
<b>Mare – Semen Collection/Transport Grant</b> The SHS will pay £75.00 towards the collection/transportation of fresh or chilled semen (not frozen).	
<b>Conditions:</b>	
1.	One Semen Transport Grant per mare per season. This will not be payable if already claiming the mare travel grant.
2.	This grant will only be paid out on receipt of Stallion and Mare covering certificate and A.I Vet declaration form.
<b>Mare – Embryo Transfer Grant</b> Please notify the Suffolk Horse Society if you wish to undertake Embryo Transfer with your mare. With improved success rates in other breeds and a growth in demand, the Suffolk Horse Society has recognised the need to support owners who wish to pursue alternative breeding techniques when breeding from their registered Suffolk mare.  This grant will only be paid out if the Artificial Breeding Technique protocols as listed in the Suffolk Horse Stud Book are <b><i>strictly adhered to.</i></b>  <b><i>For mare owners wishing to find out more about ICSI and the SHS support available please contact the office.</i></b>  The Embryo Transfer grant will be paid in two parts and will be paid in addition to the usual breeding grants available to the mare. Grants will be paid out at each stage if requested.	
Part 1	£500.00 – mare going to stud for embryo transfer. The mare must undergo embryo flush with a viable embryo to qualify. One payment per year.
Part 2	£500.00 – If a foal is born live or dead (after 120 days gestation). Grants will only be paid to a green or yellow mating using SPARKS. Only two foals in one twelve month period from a mare can be registered.
<b>Conditions:</b>	
1.	The Embryo Transfer certificate paperwork must be completed and returned to the SHS Office no later than the 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026. <b>NO COVERING GRANT WILL BE PAID FOR ET WORK.</b>
2.	Once a donor mare has been flushed, she is eligible for a single payment grant for one natural covering
3.	If embryo transfer fails, £250 only is payable.

3.	The travel grant will not be paid as it is included within the Embryo Transfer Grant.
<p><b>Mare - Fertility problems</b></p> <p>Owners whose mare is aged between 5 years and 14 years of age and have failed to conceive <b>for two consecutive breeding seasons/years</b>, are asked to contact the office. Upon presentation of a veterinary report the SHS will contribute up to £300 for veterinary examinations and treatments to investigate the causes of subfertility.</p> <p>Mares over 14 years of age that have been covered but not produced a live foal will not receive a covering grant/ travel grants/ semen travel.</p> <p>However, if the mare goes on to produce a foal then the SHS will 'back pay' the grant entitlement.</p>	
<p><b>Conditions:</b></p>	
1.	If a mare has been to stud for two consecutive years and been COVERED ON MULTIPLE SEASONS but not conceived or has not produced a live foal, the Mare Fertility Investigation form must be completed to entitle mare owners to receive any further payments the following year.
2.	Please complete the Mare Fertility Investigation form and return it to the SHS office by 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026.
<p><b>Post Mortem Grant on a foal/ or a sudden death.</b></p> <p>The Suffolk Horse Society will pay up to £300.00 towards the cost of a post mortem (PM) examination by a veterinary surgeon for aborted or still-born foals, and/or £300 for a reported sudden death of an animal. Please check with the Society for more details.</p>	
<p><b>Conditions:</b></p>	
1.	A full veterinary post mortem pathology report must be lodged with the Society within seven days of the death.

<p><b>Suffolk Horse Society Grant Exclusions</b></p>	
<p>The SHS will not pay grants in respect of the following close kinship matings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father covering daughter / daughter covered by father</li> <li>• Son covering mother / mother covered by son</li> <li>• Full brother covering full sister / full sister covered by full brother</li> <li>• Any SPARKS RED mating and AA Supplementary, Supplementary X, Class 3,2,1 matings</li> <li>• Any animal not registered with the society</li> <li>• Any stallion used where a swab certificate is not received by the office.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DOCUMENTATION</b></p> <p><b>ALL INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE SUFFOLK HORSE SOCIETY OFFICE FOR GRANTS MUST BE PROVIDED AS A HARD COPY, NOT BY E-MAIL, EVEN IF INFORMATION WAS CONFIRMED OVER THE TELEPHONE.</b></p> <p><b>GRANTS WILL ONLY BE PAID OUT IF THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IS COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIMESCALES.</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: SEMEN TRANSPORT GRANT, OR A NATURAL COVERING TRANSPORT, ONLY ONE GRANT WILL BE PAID OUT PER MARE PER SEASON.</b></p>	

## **LATE DOCUMENTS**

**THE RETURN DATE FOR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR GRANT CALCULATIONS IN ALL CATEGORIES AS SET OUT ABOVE IS 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2026. OWNERS WILL FORFEIT THEIR GRANT IF THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK IS NOT RECEIVED BY THIS DATE.**

***If you have any questions regarding the grants, or wish for confirmation of the necessary paperwork, please contact the office for further advice.  
Failure to complete the correct paperwork may result in no grant payment being made.***

## **SHOW GRANTS: For Geldings and Mares.**

### **Show Turnout Grant - Horses must be forward at shows, not just entered.**

The Suffolk Horse Society offers a grant of **£150 per horse** to members entering turnouts with either Agricultural or Trade Vehicles, and forward at the qualifying shows listed below:

*London Harness Horse Parade, Devon County Show, New Forest & Hampshire Country Show, Royal Berkshire Show, Royal Cornwall Show, Orsett Show, Royal Three Counties Show, Royal Highland Show, Suffolk Horse Spectacular, and all listed affiliated shows in the 2026 season.*

To claim this grants you must complete an application form and submit it to the office by **1<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. Grants are paid only upon receipt of the form. Forms arriving after October 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 will not be paid out.

**Ladies Carts-** The Suffolk Horse Society offers a grant of **£100.00** to a member entering and forward in the class.

### **Harness Class Grant**

The Suffolk Horse Society offers a grant of **£60 per horse** to members entering and forward at the Decorated Harness class at relevant qualifying shows listed below.

The Suffolk Horse Society offers a grant of **£30** to members entering and forward at the Working Harness Class at the *relevant* qualifying shows listed below.

### **Implement Class Grant**

The Suffolk Horse Society offers a grant of **£30 per horse** to members entering and forward at a class using agricultural implements at the *relevant* qualifying shows listed above:

To claim these grants, please complete an application form and submit to the office by **1<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. Grants are paid only upon receipt of the form.

*Please note - Only one grant will be paid per horse per show. ( If two grants are competed for the Society will only pay out the greater grant).*

### **Stallion – Premium awarded at the Woodbridge Show:**

**The society will offer £300.00 to every registered licenced stallion forward in the non-competitive stallion class at the Society Breed Show.**

**£1.00** per mile outbound only, **excluding the first 100 miles**, (capped at £200.00), for each UK registered, licenced Suffolk stallion competing at the Society's Breed Show. (The *Woodbridge Show*), *Application form for this claim can be obtained from the office.*

#### **Conditions:**

- 1.** Only one grant payable per stallion per year.
- 2.** Owners wishing to claim a stallion travel grant must write to the Society specifying the milage.
- 3.** Stallion to be licenced and stand for use in the 2026 breeding season.
- 4.** Stallions travelling together in one vehicle will only be eligible for one travel grant.

**HOYS Championship:**

**A ridden or driven Suffolk horse that qualifies for the HOYS Championship in 2026 will be entitled to a grant of £200.**

*Please note: the grant will be awarded to the owner of the qualifying horse.*

**Young Handlers Championships:** Horses brought forward only for the **Young Handler Championships** will each receive **£40** from the Suffolk Horse Society if travelling over 20 miles.

**Suffolk Horse Spectacular** (incorporating the Foal and Youngstock Show). Horses entered and forward in a class and also in the Grand Parade will each receive **£20**. Horses attending the Spectacular will be entitled to one grant only.

***Several members have missed out on their grants in previous years due to not submitting their applications. Please don't miss out this year!***

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2026**

**Please contact the office by email or telephone for all forms.**

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