

Appendix D: UDS Educational Scholarship Application

The purpose of the UDS scholarship is to foster learning for those UDS members committed to the sport, whether it be someone riding at Training Level, or Grand Prix, with weekly lessons or working on their own in an area without access to weekly instruction. The basis of the award criteria is the applicant's commitment and dedication demonstrated to the discipline of dressage in general and how the intended use of the scholarship will help the applicant reach individual goals.

The Utah Dressage Society will award six (6) scholarships each calendar year, three (3) in the spring and three (3) in the fall, to encourage and promote the further training and education of Utah Dressage Society member/horse partnerships. Twice a year, three (3) - \$250 scholarships are available one each to a Junior/Young Rider, Amateur and Open rider. Scholarships must be used to further the dressage education and training of the applicant. Eligible expenses will include: the cost of clinics-mounted or un-mounted, reasonable expenses to attend those clinics, the cost of educational materials such as training books and videos, and other educational opportunities such as symposiums.

Award Criteria

1. UDS is dedicated to furthering the education of any UDS member committed to improving their dressage knowledge and expertise regardless of age, experience, riding level, and accomplishment.
2. Awards will be based on an essay describing the planned use of the award, the benefit to the applicant and how the applicant has helped UDS in the previous 12 months. (See specific instructions below.)
3. Current UDS Board members may apply for an Educational Scholarship.
4. First preference is given to UDS applicants who have never received an award or 12 months have elapsed since the award of a previous scholarship. In addition, the applicant must have provided a minimum of 8 hours of documentable volunteer service in the past 12 months. Should any scholarship monies remain after the first round, it will be given to a board member who applied prior to the deadline date.
5. Scholarship awards must be used within twelve (12) months of the award.

Reimbursement of Awards

Will be made to each recipient upon completion of the educational experience and submission to the UDS Newsletter of a 500 word or more essay on how the educational experience contributed to the applicant's dressage training. The submission of the article must be within 6 months of completion of the educational experience.

Exclusions

The purchase of tack, computer software, association dues and competition expenses are not eligible. If you have any questions on whether an expense is allowable, please speak with the UDS Director of Education before submitting your application.

Deadline

The SPRING application deadline is March 15 with notification by April 15 and the FALL application deadline is September 15 with notification by October 15. Applications must be RECEIVED no later than the application deadline, preferably by e-mail. Applications will be scored by the UDS board. E-mail completed applications to the current Education Director. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Essay

Write a 500 word essay on why you feel you should receive the UDS Educational Scholarship.

1. Topics to cover would include your background in the sport of dressage, such as how long you have been riding dressage, the level(s) at which you are currently riding, the training principles you follow, and the frequency you receive regular lessons.
2. List any teaching clinics in which you have participated, and any other information that helps clarify your background and commitment to the discipline of dressage.
3. What are your dressage goals? What are you doing in your daily, weekly riding to achieve these goals?
4. Describe your volunteer involvement with UDS. Specifically what volunteer dressage activities have you participated in over the past 12 months that have helped UDS, e.g. Scribe, runner, ring set up, etc. Your volunteer work could have been with a Schooling Show, a Short Tour show or a USEF/USDF recognized show or helped to organize a clinic, served on a UDS Board committee, etc.
5. What do you want to use this award for, and why? How will it help you achieve your goals? Include a budget of the expected costs.

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PLEASE INCLUDE THE INFORMATION BELOW IN YOUR COVER SHEET

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Rider Status: ___Junior/YR ___Amateur ___Open

Have you received a UDS scholarship previously? ___Yes ___No Year: _____

I certify that all of the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if chosen to receive a scholarship I will use the funding to continue my dressage education and represent the Utah Dressage Society to the best of my ability. I also understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Signature:

Date:
