



# Kentucky Dressage Association

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## USDF Certified Instructor Grant

Purpose: To encourage and provide financial support to our professional trainers who are wanting to seek USDF Instructor Certification.

Amount: \$1500

Specifications for eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a current member of KDA.
2. Applicant must have earned at least 8 volunteer hours in the year prior or the current year for 2024 Grant. At least 4 hours must be earned by the member and their other 4 can be donated.
3. Applicant should currently be training horses and/or giving lessons.
4. Applicant should be competing at or has competed at second level or above.
5. Applicant must comply with USDF requirements. See USDF for more information:  
[Instructor/Trainer Program \(usdf.org\)](https://www.usdf.org/Instructor/Trainer-Program)

Requirements of items necessary to submit a proper application:

1. Completion of the application
2. Print out of USDF scores showing second level or above competition
3. Brief essay from the applicant stating how they will use the grant, why they deserve it, what are the short term and long term goals the certificate will provide them, and how they can give back to KDA.
4. Two referrals (may not be family members)



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Grantee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee's Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

KDA Education Committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form and all other requirements found in the Grant Guidelines by application deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

***\*\*During initial year only, grant applications will be accepted and due by April 30, 2025, and Grant(s) will be awarded on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and will extend through May 30, 2027. \*\****

Submit your application and essay to:

Madison Lee

1262 Millersburg Rd

Paris, KY 40361

[MadisonLee48@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonLee48@gmail.com)

If you have questions about the application or grant, please contact the Education Chair, Madison Lee at [MadisonLee48@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonLee48@gmail.com).



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## USDF Instructor Grant Rules and Restrictions

1. Applicants for 2024 must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For 2025, the application will need to be received by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
2. Upon receipt of Grant, Grantee has the following two (2) calendar years to make use of funds.
3. The funds will not be granted until after the certification has been earned. If the member took the certification but did not pass, KDA will only fund \$750 of the \$1500.
4. Grantee shall submit allowable expenses to KDA for reimbursement.
5. Grant funding may be used for the certification exam fee, travel expenses to/from place of exam, or training/classes for exam preparation. Grant money may not be used for showing, board, fee, veterinary or farrier expenses or any other expense associated with the normal and typical costs and maintenance of keeping a horse.
6. Grantee agrees to maintain an active membership in good standing with KDA until after the exam is taken.
7. Grantee agrees to write an Implusion article about the experience and benefits of earning a certification.
8. In any other matter of dispute or question not specifically covered, the KDA Education Committee Chairperson shall have final determination and authority, possibly with input from the full KDA Board of Directors.
9. Grantee must comply with USDF rules and restrictions. [Instructor/Trainer Program \(usdf.org\)](https://www.usdf.org)