



Kentucky Dressage Association

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Development Grant for Hopeful JR/YR Candidates

Purpose: To provide financial and other Association support to the very best of our region's young riders in their quest to compete at North American JR/YR Championships.

revised November 2023

Amount: \$5000

Specifications for eligibility:

1. Applicant to be a current member of KDA
2. Applicant to be >14 yrs of age, but <21 yrs and still eligible for JR/YR
3. Must be competing at 3rd level or above.

Requirements of items necessary to submit a proper application:

1. Affidavit from Applicant's training professional that Applicant has the talent, dedication, and discipline required to get to JR/YR championships along with access to a suitable horse.
2. Brief essay from the Applicant stating how they will use the Grant and why they deserve it, what they hope to achieve with it (short- and long-term goals), and how they can personally "give back" to the KDA.
3. Riders will submit a short video (10 min. max) with their application (via DVD or YouTube).
4. Print out of current USDF scores
5. 3 referrals (may not be family members)

Some exceptions may be made:

1. If the applicant completes a successful audition/evaluation before a KDA member/professional trainer who will submit the required qualifications. Evaluation to be at the Applicant's expense.
2. The Applicant has suitable talent.
3. The Applicant has access to a suitable horse.



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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 September 1.

Submit your application and essay to:

Madison Lee

1262 Millersburg Rd

Paris, KY, 40361

502-294-1813

If you have questions about the application or grant, please contact the Education Chairperson: Madison Lee at 502-294-1813 or email madisonlee48@gmail.com.



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KDA YR/JR Development Grant Rules and Restrictions

1. Applications must be received by KDA by September 1st of each year. Grant(s) will be awarded at the KDA Annual Dinner.
2. Upon receipt of Grant, Grantee has the following two (2) calendar years to make use of funds.
3. Grantee shall submit statements or receipts quarterly for allowable expenses to KDA for reimbursement.
4. Grant funding may be used for any or all training, leasing, showing, and show related fees, and instruction. Grant money may not be used for board, feed, veterinary or farrier expenses or any other expense associated with the normal and typical costs and maintenance of keeping a horse.
5. Funding will end in cases of long-term injury to horse or rider or loss of horse indicated on the original application. Substitute mounts may be used with KDA approval.
6. If training or showing are stopped due to the rider's lack of interest in the JR/YR program, the grant money will cease. The termination of grant money will be determined by a KDA panel and sent to the KDA Board for a final vote. The KDA panel will consist of the Education Chair, President and JR/YR representatives.
*(panel members may be substituted at Board's discretion)
7. End of year summations with photos must be submitted to KDA for each of the two years. It is recommended that copies of all show scores also be included.
8. Grantee agrees to maintain an active member in good standing with KDA, at least through their 21st year.
9. Grantee agrees to maintain an active role in KDA during the Grant period by volunteering at shows whenever possible and/or serving on KDA committees when practical or contributing articles or training/showing updates etc. to KDA eHappenings or the Impulsion newsletter.
10. Grantees can apply for a second development grant no less than three (3) years after receipt of their initial grant, provided they still have (age related) eligibility for the YR/JR Championships.
11. 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.