

APPLICATION

THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION'S YOUNG RIDER INTERNATIONAL DREAM PROGRAM

Funded and Administered by
The Dressage Foundation

Purpose

To enable four Young Riders, training and competing at Fourth Level or above, to enhance their understanding of dressage training through observation and exposure to top European trainers, riders, facilities and events.

Obligations

To share educational benefits of the trip through online journals, articles, photographs and video presentations.

Tentative Dates:
July 16-23, 2018, CHIO Aachen

Please refer to www.dressagefoundation.org for program updates and date changes.

Deadline

Applications must be received by The Dressage Foundation on or before **Friday, March 30, 2018**. No late applications will be accepted. Every applicant is encouraged to call TDF (402-434-8585) to confirm receipt of the application and confirmation that it has met all guidelines.

Follow all application submission guidelines very carefully!





2018 DREAM PROGRAM APPLICATION - COVER PAGE

Please type or print legibly and include as the first page of your application.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Age and Birth Date:

Are you a U.S. Citizen?:

Passport Number (if available):

Expiration Date:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S NAME (please print)

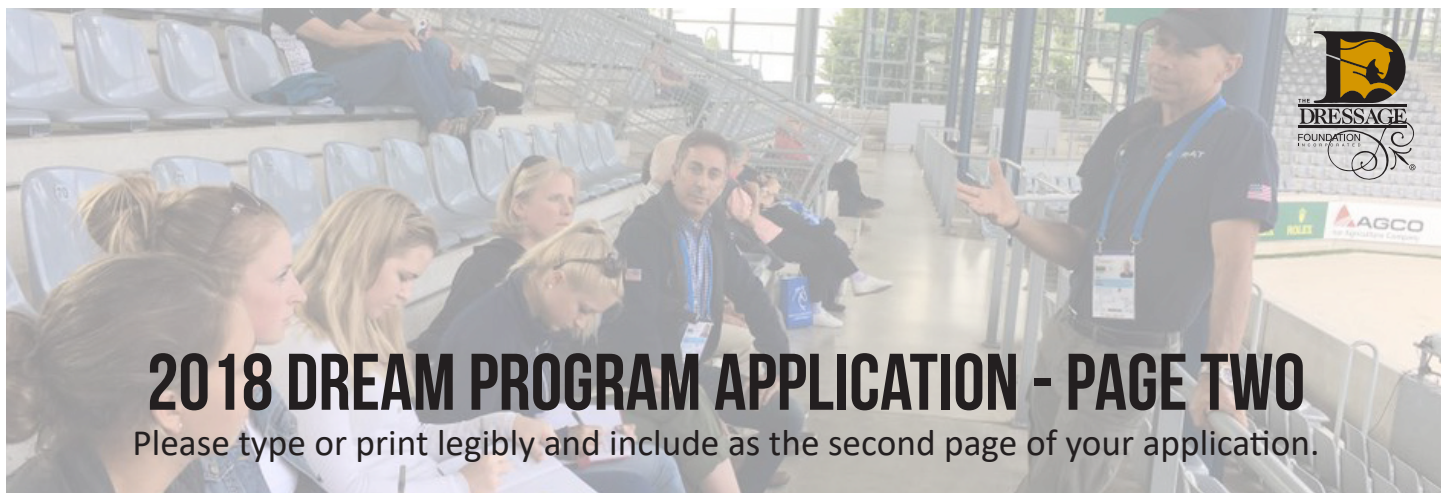
PARENT'S TELEPHONE

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (Required regardless of applicant's age.)

I hereby attest that the work on this application has been done by me, personally. If chosen as a participant in The Dressage Foundation's Young Rider International Dream Program, I agree to contribute to an article for publication and to otherwise share my experiences to the best of my ability. I understand that if I am selected, I will be required to sign and follow The Dressage Foundation's Code of Conduct.

Signature _____ Date _____



2018 DREAM PROGRAM APPLICATION - PAGE TWO

Please type or print legibly and include as the second page of your application.

Riding Experience

1. How long have you been studying dressage? _____
2. Are you now or have you previously ridden at Fourth Level or above? ☐Yes ☐No
3. Have you competed at Fourth Level or above? ☐Yes ☐No
4. Who is your instructor/trainer? _____
5. Have you been or are you now a working student? ☐Yes ☐No
If so, with whom? _____
6. Have you previously trained in Europe? ☐Yes ☐No
If yes, how long? _____ With whom? _____
7. How would you rank your following skills: (Rank from 1-5, 1 = poor, 5 = excellent)
Computer Skills _____
Photography Skills _____
Writing Skills _____
Teaching Skills _____

Competition

8. Are you presently competing? ☐Yes ☐No
If yes, at which levels? _____
9. Have you competed at NAJYRC? ☐Yes ☐No
If yes, which years? _____
10. Do you intend to try out for 2018 NAJYRC? ☐Yes ☐No
11. Have you competed in other FEI competitions? ☐Yes ☐No
If yes, when and where? _____



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Please type on a separate page of your application.

Community Involvement

12. Please explain in what ways you are involved with your local/national dressage community. Include committee work and volunteering.

Obligations

13. On your International Dream trip to Europe, you will have the opportunity to observe great dressage at the CHIO Aachen. How do you propose to share your experience with other dressage riders?

Your Future Plans

14. What do you hope to be doing in five to ten years?

Essay

15. Why should you be selected for this program?
(Maximum one page, double spaced.)

Also include:

- ☐ TWO personal letters of recommendations
- ☐ TWO riding/training/horse industry letters of recommendations
- ☐ USDF printout of scores at Fourth Level and above from the last 1-2 years
- ☐ Headshot photo of you
- ☐ Email a YouTube link of a 5-minute video of you and your horse riding any level dressage test to the TDF office:
info@dressagefoundation.org.

Mail six (6) copies of ALL material to The Dressage Foundation. Staple all parts of your application together in six sets. NO BINDERS will be accepted.

Please make certain your application is COMPLETE before mailing it, including the references, essay, photo and scores. Email the YouTube link to info@dressagefoundation.org.

Complete applications must be received by TDF's office on or before March 30, 2018.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for the Young Rider International Dream Program?

The FEI definition of a Young Rider: “One may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 21.”

The Dressage Foundation’s Young Rider International Dream Program is open to current Young Riders who are 16-21 years old and are riding at Fourth Level and above. The 22-year-old riders who graduated from the program in 2017 are also eligible. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen.

What are the selection criteria?

Selection will be based on riding proficiency, maturity, commitment to the sport, willingness and ability to share knowledge with the dressage community.

What will the program cost?

The Dressage Foundation is covering the costs of travel and lodging and will provide a daily per diem for food. Any additional expenses, such as souvenirs, will be the responsibility of the individuals.

Will there be time for sightseeing?

The group will see areas of Europe while traveling. However, this program is NOT a holiday, and there will be no tourist excursions. There will be no smoking, drinking, clubbing or individual agendas. This is an intense group experience with a total focus on dressage education.

Expect very full days and evenings watching training, discussing theory, keeping journals for The Dressage Foundation and writing an article for publication.

*For applicant to be considered, the **six stapled copies** of the entire application, as well as the emailed YouTube link, must be received at The Dressage Foundation office on or before **Friday, March 30, 2018.***



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*If you have questions, please call us at (402) 434-8585
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