



**CAROL LAVELL GIFTED SCHOLARSHIP
FOR ADULT AMATEURS**

USDF Region:

Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Cell:

Email:

GMO Name:

USDF Member Number:

USEF Member Number (if applicable):

I am a U.S. Citizen.

I understand that it is my responsibility to know the rules governing adult amateur status. By signing below, I certify that I am an adult amateur within the meaning of USEF Article GR1306 (USEF rules are available at: www.usef.org)

I have read the attached scholarship guidelines and understand the requirements for training with my chosen clinician. My training will commence after January 1, following the year in which I submit my application, with a horse I own or formally lease (with paperwork provided through USDF or USEF).

I understand if I am awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from The Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs, I will write an article about my training for The Dressage Foundation to use on the Foundation website, and for use in other publications. I will also arrange to give a verbal report to my GMO as soon as possible after my training is complete.

I understand that I will receive an initial \$750 of the grant after details of my training are confirmed, and one month before my training; the balance in the amount of \$250 will be sent to me when The Dressage Foundation receives my training report. I am aware that if I am selected, funds must be used within one year of the awarded date.

Signature

Date

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Check off each item as you complete it. Do not skip any item!

Please type answers to all questions.

1. ____ Complete the cover sheet with your contact information.
2. ____ As far as you are able, please present a training plan with definite goals you wish to achieve during this time. What are your expectations working with your trainer? What will be different in your training plans from what you normally do in your regular training?
3. ____ a. Please name the trainer/clinician you plan to work with, along with their contact information. Provide a short bio, credentials, and the trainer's website (if applicable). Give the anticipated date or season, if known, for your training.
____ b. Include a letter from the trainer who will work with you, to verify that you are accepted for training and the training fee.
4. ____ List anticipated expenses as line items with dollar amount for each. Total the amount of both direct and indirect expenses. DIRECT EXPENSE: (i.e. expense of training, trailering, horse board, motel, food, etc.), INDIRECT: (i.e. expense of babysitter, other family concerns, income lost by not working, etc.). Please feel free to add any of your anticipated expense items that we have not asked for.
5. ____ We do not anticipate that the Gifted Grant will cover all training plan expenses. Please indicate to the committee how you will handle the balance of these expenses.
6. ____ Provide a brief summary of your dressage experience. List names of horses ridden, level/s ridden, awards received, educational activities (clinics, symposiums, USDF University sessions), include dates and names of presenters, and whether you were a rider or an auditor.
7. ____ We expect you have a volunteer dressage activity for your GMO and/or region. Please describe your volunteer history for at least 3-5 years, starting with your present activity. GMO volunteer work in your Region of residence is preferred. If your volunteer activity is outside of your Region, please explain.
8. ____ Provide a written history of volunteer hours and descriptions from your GMO's Volunteer Coordinator for the last 3 years. If your GMO does not have a Volunteer Coordinator, provide statement from an officer or coordinator for the event(s).

9. ____ We need reference letters from TWO DIFFERENT sources – trainers, instructors or dressage contacts who will vouch for your riding skills, your desire to improve, and your volunteer activity. It is recommended that the reference writer send these comments on their letterhead, if available.
(Trainer Acceptance Letter does not count towards a reference.)
10. ____ If you LEASE the horse to use for training, please provide the following information:
- a. ____ Copy of the lease agreement papers from USDF or USEF (required for eligibility).
 - b. ____ Written statement from the horse's owner that he/she will allow you to use the leased horse for this training, as outline in your application.
 - c. ____ Information about how long you have leased the horse and your future plans.
11. ____ Please sign the commitment statement located at the bottom of your cover sheet.

Mailing Instructions: Three (3) complete, printed sets must be received by the Foundation office on or before September 15th. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Items will not be returned to you. Mail to:

THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION
1314 'O' STREET
SUITE 305
LINCOLN, NE 68508
(402) 434-8585

CAROL LAVELL GIFTED FUND INFORMATION

Please read the following information prior to submitting your application to The Dressage Foundation.

The objective of the Gifted Fund is to enable the adult amateur rider and their horse(s) to set aside time to work with a trainer for an extended period, away from the pressures of job and family. The recipients will be able to spend a week or more just to bond with their horse; to have the time to feed them, graze them, give them a spa bath, or just stand around in the stall with them, and to give the rider and horse concentrated time with a trainer. The recipient must own or lease the horse he/she would use for training. The lease must be documented with USDF or USEF.

Gifted Scholarship Guidelines:

This scholarship is meant for the adult amateur to have the opportunity to be in an extended training situation that is not readily available during the course of your daily pattern. We do not intend this concentrated time to include clinics, camps, or symposiums. The model we look for is a training program of 5-7 consecutive days, with the same trainer, with your teammate horse!

- We are looking for thinking riders, with strong volunteer background. Volunteer work is to be dressage related, first for your GMO, secondly for your region.
- We look for riders who want to work on their riding in a situation that is normally unavailable to them because of their other obligations. We encourage the rider to work with a trainer with which they have a working history.
- It is a requirement that recipients of the Gifted Memorial Fund write an article for The Dressage Foundation for use on the Foundation website, and for the Foundation's use in other publications. The Foundation will forward your article to your GMO newsletter. In addition to the written report, we also require that the recipient arrange to give a verbal report at a GMO meeting as soon as possible after their training is complete.
- An initial \$750 of the scholarship will be sent one month prior to the date of training; the balance in the amount of \$250 will be sent when the article is sent to The Dressage Foundation. Funds must be used within one year of the award date.