



## *The Dressage Foundation 2011 Grants and Scholarships Information and Due Dates*

*Please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) for detailed application information.*

### **Help for Dressage Groups/Clubs**

- ***Violet M. Hopkins Fund*** - Provides financial assistance to USDF GMOs, to conduct educational clinics and seminars for dressage riders at all levels. A GMO may apply for one grant of up to \$2,000 per calendar year. ***Applications due at least 90 days prior to the event.***
- ***The Dancing Horse Fund*** - Grants are awarded to promote participation in, and improve the quality of, musical freestyle at all levels of dressage. Any equestrian group may apply for a grant from this fund, up to one time per calendar year. Funding may be used for an educational clinic/seminar or for sound system equipment. ***Applications due at least 90 days prior to the event.***
- ***Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors*** - Offers five annual grants of \$1,000 each to USDF GMOs for instructor education, including the USDF Instructor Certification Program. ***Applications due at least 90 days prior to the event.***
- ***Edgar Hotz Judges Endowment Fund*** - Provides financial support to USDF GMOs for "Continuing Education for Judges and USDF 'L' Program Graduates." One grant of up to \$800 per USDF Region is available each year. ***Application information available from USDF, [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).***
- ***The Sally Swift Memorial Fund*** - Provides grants up to \$1,000 to USDF GMOs that are hosting a Centered Riding® Clinic. ***Applications due at least 90 days prior to the event.***

### **Help for Young Riders**

- ***Olympic Dream Program*** - Four top young American dressage riders travel to Europe for a two week introduction to European dressage. Applications can be accepted from USDF Young Riders, 16-21 years of age, and 22-year-old graduates of the Advanced Young Rider Program, who are riding at Fourth Level or Above. ***Applications due April 8, 2011.***
- ***USDF/FEI Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series*** - For Young Dressage Riders, between the ages of 14 and 21, currently riding at Third Level or above. This year, The Dressage Foundation will help make these clinics possible with a grant to USDF. ***Application information available from USDF, [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).***

- ***Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund*** - Up to nine \$800 grants are available per year for applicants accepted to the USDF/FEI Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series, who need financial assistance to attend the clinic. ***Contact USDF if financial assistance is needed.***
- ***USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program*** - The Dressage Foundation provides funding directly to USDF for this educational seminar. ***No application needed.***
- ***The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund*** - This fund gives an annual \$1,000 award to the highest scoring Junior/Young Rider at Third Level and above, at the New England Dressage Association Fall Festival. ***No application needed.***
- ***The Trip Harting Fund*** - Provides \$500 in funding assistance to a current or graduate Pony Club member to attend the USDF 'L' Education Program or Instructor Certification Program. ***Applications due February 1, 2011.***
- ***The Michael Poulin Dressage Fund*** - Provides funding support for programs and projects that enhance the quality of dressage in the United States, through riding, competing, training, instructing, and/or judging. ***Applications due at least 30 days prior to the event.***

### **Help for Adult Amateurs**

- ***The Carol Lavell Gifted Fund*** - Offers up to nine \$1,000 scholarships per year - one for each USDF Region. The scholarships enable adult amateurs to set aside quality time, in concentrated training, away from the daily pressures of job and family with a horse the recipient owns. ***Applications due September 15, 2011.***
- ***The Michael Poulin Dressage Fund*** - Provides funding support for programs and projects that enhance the quality of dressage in the United States, through riding, competing, training, instructing, and/or judging. ***Applications due at least 30 days prior to the event.***

### **Help for Dressage Instructors**

- ***Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors*** - Offers five annual grants of up to \$1,500 each to individuals in pursuit of Instructor Certification. ***Applications due February 1, 2011 and July 1, 2011.***
- ***Major Anders Lindgren Scholarship*** - Up to \$10,000 awarded annually to a dressage instructor, especially those in the USDF Certified pool, Training through Fourth Levels. Funding is meant to help with expenses incurred as the recipient studies and trains abroad to improve his/her teaching and training. ***Applications due September 30, 2011.***
- ***USDF Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award*** - This \$5,000 award will recognize and honor excellence in the teaching of dressage, to a USDF Region 9 Instructor. ***Nomination period is January 1, 2011 through July 1, 2011. Applications due September 1, 2011.***
- ***The Trip Harting Fund*** - Provides \$500 funding assistance to a current or graduate Pony Club member to attend the USDF 'L' Education Program or Instructor Certification Program. ***Applications due February 1, 2011.***

- ***Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund*** - Funding is available for a variety of uses for Young Riders and Professionals who have a great work ethic, are well respected, and have a track record of volunteerism. ***Applications due at least 30 days prior to the event.***
- ***The Michael Poulin Dressage Fund*** - Provides funding support for programs and projects that enhance the quality of dressage in the United States, through riding, competing, training, instructing, and/or judging. ***Applications due at least 30 days prior to the event.***

### **Help for Dressage Judges**

- ***Edgar Hotz Judges Endowment Fund*** - Provides financial support to USDF GMOs for "Continuing Education for Judges and USDF 'L' Program Graduates." One grant of up to \$800 per USDF Region is available each year. ***Application information available from USDF, [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).***
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### **Help for High Performance**

- ***Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize*** - Offers up to *two* \$25,000 Prizes per year, to provide financial assistance for coaching and training to a talented, committed, qualified rider whose plan is to reach and excel at the elite, international standards of high performance dressage. ***Applications due December 13, 2011.***
- ***Anne L. Barlow Ramsay Annual Grant*** - Provides one \$25,000 grant per year, for a talented American-bred horse ridden by a United States citizen, to train and compete in Europe. ***Applications due October 25, 2011.***
- ***Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund*** - Funding is available for a variety of uses for Young Riders and Professionals for those who have a great work ethic, are well respected, and have a track record of volunteerism. ***Applications due at least 30 days prior to the event.***
- ***The Michael Poulin Dressage Fund*** - Provides funding support for programs and projects that enhance the quality of dressage in the United States, through riding, competing, training, instructing, and/or judging. ***Applications due at least 30 days prior to the event.***

## **In Honor of Senior Dressage Riders and Horses**

- ***The Century Club*** - Recognizes dressage riders and horses whose combined ages total 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a dressage test of any level, at a dressage show or event, and are scored by a dressage judge or professional. The Foundation presents each team with a Century Club plaque and ribbon. ***Applications should be sent at least a month prior to the Century Club ride.***

## **Other Grant Information**

If you would like to apply for funding that does not fit in any of these categories, please contact The Dressage Foundation at 402-434-8585 or [info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org). We will review additional requests as needed.