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**The Dressage Foundation’s
Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund
Required Signatures/Acknowledgement**

The undersigned applicant hereby represents and acknowledges that:

* I understand that it is my responsibility to know the rules governing professional status. By signing below, I certify that I am a professional within the meaning of USEF Article GR 1306 (USEF rules available at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)).
* The information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
* I am aware that if I am selected, funds must be used within one year of the award announcement.
* I will receive 75% of the grant amount prior to the event/training stated in the attached application. The final 25% will be sent once The Dressage Foundation (TDF) has received the required report and financial summary.
* If I am chosen as a recipient for the Verne Batchelder Fund Grant, I will meet the requirement to provide a report of my training experiences and financial summary to TDF within two months following the completion of my training.
* TDF has permission to use my report, in whole or in part, in online and written publications.
* If there is a change to any part of the training plan included in this application (different horse, dates, trainer, etc.), TDF must be notified prior to the use of the grant funds.
* TDF reserves the right to not award the grant or modify the amount of funding if the training plan presented in this application changes for any reason.
* I agree to return any paid money to TDF if it cannot be used for its intended purpose as presented in the grant application.
* The Foundation reserves the right to not award any Funding, or modify the amount of Funding, for any reason, including but not limited to, criminal and/or civil charges being brought forth against the recipient; the recipient being placed on a banned, suspended, or restricted list from the FEI, US Equestrian, United States Dressage Federation, SafeSport Code and the Federal Safe Sport Act, etc.; an unapproved change of training plan; or a change of any facts or circumstances that TDF determines, in its sole discretion, could have a negative impact on TDF. If the recipient is placed in an interim suspension or is within a period of suspension, they would not be eligible to receive any Funding until the suspension has been lifted, but the Foundation continues to reserve the right to not reinstate the award for any reason, in its sole discretion.
* If an individual applicant is awarded a grant from The Dressage Foundation, it is acknowledged that TDF will require a photograph of applicant for use in news releases, on the TDF website, in brochures and newsletters, or in other mediums at TDF’s discretion. The applicant hereby grants TDF an irrevocable license to publish, reproduce, broadcast, transmit, or otherwise use any photograph(s) provided by applicant in the ways stated above. The applicant hereby releases TDF, its employees, directors, and agents from any liability connected with the publication, reproduction, release, or other use of the applicant’s photograph, and agree not to bring any claims against them growing out of such uses by TDF.

**I also attest that I am a Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.**

Signature of Applicant Date

Applicant Name – Printed