**The Dressage Foundation’s**

**Western Dressage Fund**

**Grant Application for Individuals**

Applications will only be accepted through the online form.  The following application form and all required attachments must be received by The Dressage Foundation's office on or before **July 20** to be considered. Attachments must be in Word, Excel, or PDF format.

We encourage you to review this application and gather all materials prior to starting the online application process. Once you start, your work cannot be saved. ***Helpful tip - Type your answers into this Word document, save, and then copy and paste your answers into the online form*.**

**Applicant Information:**

Name
Address
Phone Number
Email Address

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Are you applying as a professional, adult amateur, or youth?
*If under 19 years of age, please provide the name, address, and email of your parent/guardian.*
Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Address

Parent/Guardian Email
Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?
Please list equestrian organizations in which you are a member including:

WDAA Membership Number and # of years you have been a member:
USEF Membership Number and # of years you have been a member:
Name of Horse you are applying to train with
Age of Horse
Breed of Horse
Do you own or lease the horse? How long have you been working with it? If leased, please provide documentation from USDF or USEF. How long have you leased this horse?
Proposed Training or Event (in one sentence)
Proposed Training or Event Dates

**General Information:**

Provide a brief summary of your Western Dressage experience, including level(s) ridden, trainers you have ridden with, awards received, and educational events attended. If you have not yet started in the discipline, why do you want to? (Max 250 words)

What are your overall dressage goals? (Max 100 words)

**Proposed Training/Educational Event:**

Describe what educational event you plan to attend with this Grant. Include the name of the program/instructor, date, and location. Training or event can start no sooner than two months after the application deadline date. (Max 250 words)

With this training plan, what do you specifically hope to achieve? (Max 100 words)

How will this training plan be different from your current training plan? (Max 100 words)

**Community Involvement:**

In what ways have you been involved in your local dressage community? Examples include hosting open clinics, donating time/resources, volunteer work, etc. (Max 100 words)

**Specific Grant Fund Questions:**

If applying as a professional:

* How long have you been a Western Dressage professional?  Are you an instructor, trainer, judge, and/or clinician? (Max 100 words)
* Tell us about your business – include number of students, their average age, skill level, number of horses in training, schedule as a clinician, etc. (Max 100 words)

**Financial Information:**

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the $1,000 grant.

Please explain why you need financial assistance from The Dressage Foundation. (Max 250 Words)

What current and past financial assistance/sponsorship have you received, including grants or awards from The Dressage Foundation?

**Video:**

Please submit a YouTube link of a recent 4–5-minute riding video. The video can be schooling or at a show.

**Letter of Recommendation:**

Attach one letter of recommendation. It must be from an adult over the age of 21 who is not a member of your family. The recommendation letter should include observations of your good sportsmanship.

**Signature and Acknowledgement:**

Download and sign where indicated on the Signature Page.
Parent/Guardian Signature required if applicant is under the age of 19.

**Important Notes:**

You will be notified that the application has been received within two business days. If you do not receive email confirmation (please check your spam folder!) that your application has been received, call our office at (402) 434-8585.  Additionally, if you have any questions regarding the application, feel free to contact us. After the grant committee has made its final decision, all applicants will be notified. Thank you!