

UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

Youth Convention Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established with the goals of providing financial assistance to young dressage enthusiasts wanting to attend the USDF convention and increasing youth attendance at the convention.

Up to four scholarships will be awarded to youth USDF Participating Members, age 21 and younger, to help defray the expenses associated with attending the USDF convention. Each scholarship will be up to \$1,000. One-half of the funds will be paid to the recipient prior to convention, and the remainder of the scholarship will be reimbursed following convention. Each scholarship recipient will be required to submit an essay about their trip to convention as well as all receipts to receive final reimbursement. The funds may be used to cover transportation, hotel, and registration fees. Each scholarship winner will also receive a 50% discount on the cost of USDF Convention Registration. The Convention registration discount does not include additional meal tickets, transportation tickets, or special events that require a separate ticket.

The recipient is required to attend the USDF Youth Educational Session and is encouraged to attend the Youth Programs Committee meeting, the FEI Jr/YR Committee meeting and all USDF University Education sessions. The scholarship recipient is solely responsible for their behavior and actions during the trip and parental/guardian supervision is required for any youth legally defined as a minor.

The National Youth Programs Committee selects the winners by assessing characteristics that include participation in USDF and/or dressage related activities, written communication skills, desire to learn, ability to utilize knowledge, and overall impression.

Application Due Date: August 31st

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Region _____ USDF Number _____

* Candidate must be a USDF Participating Member in good standing at the time of application.

1. Have you attended the USDF annual convention before? YES _____ NO _____
2. At what level are you currently riding? _____
3. Do you belong to or participate in any other dressage or horse-related organizations or associations?
YES ____ (please list) _____ NO ____

Please answer the following questions on a separate page:

4. List any USDF programs or activities in which you participate.
5. List any school and extracurricular activities in which you participate.
6. If you were awarded this scholarship, how would you utilize the knowledge that you learned at the USDF annual convention?
7. Why do you think attending the USDF annual convention would be beneficial to you?
8. Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship?

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Application must be received by USDF on or before August 31st. A typed document is preferred. Feel free to include supporting materials with your application.

Please mail or fax application to:

**USDF
Attn: Youth Programs Liaison
4051 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511**

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