

UDS Educational Scholarship Application

Purpose:

The Utah Dressage Society will award six scholarships each calendar year to encourage and promote the further training and education of Utah Dressage Society member/horse partnerships. Two \$250.00 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following three divisions: Junior/Young Rider, Amateur and Open. Scholarships must be used to further the dressage education and training of the applicant. Eligible expenses will include: the cost of clinics, mounted or un-mounted, reasonable expenses to attend those clinics, the cost of educational materials such as training books and videos, and other educational opportunities such as symposiums.

How to apply:

You must be a member of the Utah Dressage Society to be eligible to receive a scholarship. If you are not currently a member, download a copy of the membership application from www.utahdressagesociety.net and send it to the address indicated on the form with your dues. Membership applications must be postmarked by the scholarship application deadline for you to be eligible for a scholarship.

Award Criteria:

UDS is dedicated to furthering the education of any person committed to improving their knowledge and expertise. Scholarships are therefore available to anyone seriously pursuing the sport of dressage, regardless of age, experience, level, and accomplishment. Awards in each category will be based on an essay describing the planned use of the award and the benefit to the applicant. (See specific instructions below.) Scholarship awards must be used in the calendar year for which the scholarship is awarded.

Payment of awards will be made to each recipient upon completion of the endeavor and submission to the UDS Newsletter of a short article on how the educational experience contributed to the applicant's dressage training and how the funds were spent.

Exclusions:

The purchase of tack, computer software, association dues and competition expenses are not eligible. If you have any questions on whether an expense is allowable, please ask the Scholarship Committee Chairperson before submitting your application.

Deadline:

Applications must be POSTMARKED by October 15 of the year prior to the scholarship year.

Application:

Complete the cover sheet and submit it with your essay (described below). One original application and five copies must be included. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed copies will not be accepted. Applications will be sent to:

Utah Dressage Society
Scholarship Application
PO Box 562
Draper, UT 84020

Applications will be scored by a team of five reviewers. Applicants will be notified by December 15 of the year prior to the scholarship year.

Essay:

Write a 500 word essay on why you feel you should receive the UDS Educational Scholarship. Topics to cover would include your background in the sport of dressage, such as how long you have been riding dressage, the level(s) at which you are currently riding, the training principles you follow, and the frequency you receive regular lessons. List any teaching clinics in which you have participated, and any other information that helps clarify your background and commitment to the discipline of dressage.

What are your dressage goals? Where do you see yourself in 2 years, 5 years? What are you doing in your daily, weekly riding to achieve these goals?

Describe your involvement with the UDS.

What do you want to use this award for, and why? How will it help you achieve your goals? Include a budget of the expected costs?

Finally, you may include a separate list of your competitive dressage accomplishments. Include any local, regional, or national competitions in which you have participated, schooling or recognized. **AWARDS WILL NOT BE BASED ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS.** The purpose of the UDS scholarship is to foster learning for those committed to the sport, whether it be someone riding at Training Level, or Grand Prix, with weekly lessons or working on their own in an area without access to weekly instruction. The basis of the award criteria is the applicant's commitment and dedication demonstrated to the discipline of dressage in general and how the intended use of the scholarship will help the applicant reach individual goals.

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ESSAY TO THIS COVER SHEET

Name:

Address:

Phone #s: E-mail:

Rider Status: Junior/YR Amateur Open

Have you received a UDS scholarship previously? Yes No Year_____

I certify that all of the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if chosen to receive a scholarship I will use the funding to continue my dressage education and represent the Utah Dressage Society to the best of my ability. I also understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Signature:

Date:

Applicants must be a current member of the Utah Dressage Society to be eligible for this scholarship.

Original and five copies of cover sheet/essay must be submitted by October 15.