



## ***The Dressage Foundation 2011 Grants and Scholarships Available to USDF Members & Group Member Organizations***

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

### **The following Grants and Scholarships are available exclusively to USDF Members and GMOs:**

#### **Help for GMOs**

- ***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.***
- ***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 for next year's trip will be available by March 2012.***
- ***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 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 1st of each year.***

### **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 15th of each year.***

### **Help for Dressage Instructors**

- ***Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors*** - Offers up to six annual grants of up to \$1,500 each to individuals in pursuit of USDF Instructor Certification. ***Applications due February 1st and July 1st each year.***
- ***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 1st - July 1st. Applications due September 1st each year..***
- ***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 1st each year.***

### **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).***
- ***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 1st each year.***

**The following Grants and Scholarships are available to any Dressage rider/instructor/trainer/judge or non-profit group:**

- ***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.***
- ***Major Anders Lindgren Scholarship*** - This scholarship has recently been restructured to offer funding to more instructors, to train in the United States. Each year, two \$2,000 scholarships and one \$6,000 scholarship will be available for dressage instructors to train for an extended period of time. ***Applications due September 30th each year.***
- ***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.***
- ***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.***
- ***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.***

For more information, please contact The Dressage Foundation at 402-434-8585 or [info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org).