**The Dressage Foundation’s Maryal and Charlie Barnett**

**Continuing Education for Instructors Fund**

**Grant Application**

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 February 1 or June 1 (for the year 2024) 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 form*.**

##### **Contact Information:**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

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

Please list equestrian organizations in which you are a member (local, national, international).

Proposed Training or Event (in one sentence)

Proposed Training or Event Dates

##### **General Information:**

Provide a brief history of your dressage experience, that can include training, instruction, competition record, levels at which you are riding, scores, certifications, national rankings, and awards. (Max 250 words)

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

**Proposed Training/Educational Event:**

How do you plan to use the grant? Include dates, locations, instructors and their credentials, etc. Training funded by this grant can start no sooner than two months after the application deadline date. (Max 250 words)

With this training plan, what do you specifically want to achieve and what are your plans to achieve those goals? (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 250 words)

**Specific Grant Fund Questions:**

How many students do you have and what is the average age/skill level of your students?

Why do you want to become a USDF Certified Instructor/Trainer? (Max 100 words)

Have you attended other USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program components?

Do you plan to take the USDF Instructor Certification? If yes, how soon?

**Financial Information:**

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the 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?

**Recommendation Letter:**

Attach one letter of recommendation. The letter should speak to your desire to continue your dressage education as an instructor or trainer.

**Signature Page:**

Download and sign where indicated on the signature page.

**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, please call our office at (402) 434-8585.  Additionally, if you have any questions regarding the application, feel free to contact us. After the grant selection committee has made its final decision, all applicants will be notified. Thank you!