**The Dressage Foundation's**

**Para Dressage and Visually Impaired Funds**

**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 **November 1** to be considered. Attachments must be in Word, Excel, or PDF format.

We encourage you to review the 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 this form*.**

**For riders who are Visually Impaired:** You may either use the online form below OR email the completed Word document and all attachments to info@dressagefoundation.org.

**Applicant Information:**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Birthdate

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

Are you applying as a youth, adult amateur, or professional?

If applying as an amateur, please confirm the following: I understand that it is my responsibility to know the rules governing amateur status. I certify that I am an amateur within the meaning of USEF Article GR 1306.

Please list equestrian organizations in which you are a member (including local clubs)

Have you been classified as a Para Dressage rider by the FEI or US Equestrian? (Classification not required to apply for a grant.)

Have you been designated by US Equestrian as an Emerging or Developing Athlete? (Designation not required to apply for a grant.)

Are you eligible for classification based on the International Paralympic Committee [guidelines](https://www.paralympic.org/equestrian/classification)? (you must be eligible for classification to receive this grant)

If classified, what Grade Level are you?

For Visually Impaired Riders: Attach a letter from a doctor that confirms that your best corrected vision falls within the range of legally blind to fully blind.

Proposed Training Plan (in one sentence)

Proposed Training 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 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. How is this training different from your typical routine? Training funded by this grant can start no sooner than two months after the application deadline date. (Max 250 words)

With a grant from this Fund, 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:**

What would this grant allow you to do that you would be unable to do otherwise? (Max 100 words)

How do you demonstrate good horsemanship and sportsmanship? (Max 250 words)

How do you plan on being an ambassador for the sport of Para Dressage? (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?

**Recommendation Letter:**

Attach one letter of recommendation – The letter should be from an individual within the dressage/equestrian industry who can reflect on you as a horseperson, such as an instructor/trainer, judge, GMO leader, or barn owner.

**Signature Page:**

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!