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**Cynthia Aspden Youth Development 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 **September 1** 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 online form*.**

##### **Applicant Information:**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

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

Birthdate

Name of Parent/Guardian

If under 19 years of age, please provide the name, address, and email of your parent/guardian.

Phone of Parent/Guardian

Email of Parent/Guardian  
Please list any equestrian organizations in which you are a member (GMO, local, national, international). Include the number of years you have been a member of each organization.   
Proposed Training or Event Plan (in one sentence)   
Proposed Training or Event Dates

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

Provide a brief summary of your dressage experiences, including 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 hope to achieve? (Max 100 words)

How is this training plan outside of your typical training? (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?

##### **Letter of Recommendation:**

Attach one letter of recommendation. It must be from an adult over the age of 21 who is not a member of your family.

##### **Signature and Acknowledgement:**

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!

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**CYNTHIA ASPDEN YOUTH**   
**AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**Required Signatures/Acknowledgement:**

The undersigned applicant (and undersigned parent/guardian if applicable) hereby represents and acknowledges that:

* The information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of the applicant’s knowledge.
* The applicant has completed their own application and composed their own answers.
* Failure to complete their own application and compose their own answers will result in the applicant’s application being voided.
* If the applicant is chosen for a Cynthia Aspden Youth Development Grant, he or she will meet the requirement to write a written report of his/her training experiences and include a financial summary. This will be sent to The Dressage Foundation within 60 days after the training.
* The applicant will receive 75% of the grant amount prior to the event/training stated in the attached application. The final 25% will be sent once The Dressage Foundation has received the required written report.
* If selected, funds must be used within one year of the date of the award.

If an *individual* applicant is awarded a grant from The Dressage Foundation, it is acknowledged that TDF will require a photograph of applicant for use in news releases, on the TDF website, in brochures and newsletters, or in other mediums at TDF’s discretion. The applicant and the applicant’s parent or guardian (if a minor) hereby grant TDF an irrevocable license to publish, reproduce, broadcast, transmit, or otherwise use any photograph(s) provided by applicant in the ways stated above. The applicant and applicant’s parent or guardian (if a minor) hereby release TDF, its employees, directors, and agents from any liability connected with the publication, reproduction, release, or other use of the applicant’s photograph, and agree not to bring any claims against them growing out of such uses by TDF.

Signature of Applicant Date

Applicant Name – Printed

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under the age of 19) Date

Parent/Guardian Name - Printed