**The Dressage Foundation’s**

**$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize
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 5, 2025, or August 31, 2025,** 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.**

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

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

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

What is your Sport Nationality as declared with USEF and/or the FEI?

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

Name of Horse you are applying to train with

Age of Horse

Breed of Horse

Owner of Horse

Proposed Training Plan (in one sentence)

Proposed Training 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 500 words)

What are your overall dressage goals? (Max 250 words)

Describe the horse who is your teammate for this grant. Name other horses you are currently training. (Max 250 words)

##### **Proposed Training/Educational Event:**

How do you plan to use the grant? Include dates, locations, instructors and their credentials, etc. Training or events 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)

Please include the contact information of the trainer(s) you plan to work with.

Provide a letter from the trainer(s) who you will work with, to verify that you are accepted for training and the training fees.

##### **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 100 words)

##### **Financial Information:**

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the $25,000 grant.

Please explain why you need financial assistance from The Dressage Foundation. (Max 250 Words)

If the grant does not cover all expenses of your training plan, tell us how you will handle the balance of these expenses. (Max 100 words)

What current and past financial assistance/sponsorship have you received, including grants or awards from The Dressage Foundation?

##### **Ownership Documentation:**

Proof of Ownership

If you own the horse, attach proof of ownership. If you do not own the horse, provide a letter from the horse’s owner indicating that you have permission to train the horse as outlined in your plan.

##### **Competition Scores:**

Provide a printout of scores (no more than three pages) from the past two-three years with the horse you will be training and competing.Must include at least three scores of 65% or higher at U-25, Intermediate 2, and/or Grand Prix. Scores can be from National or International competitions.

##### **Video Link:**

Please provide a YouTube link (max ten minutes) of you and your horse that shows training progress made in pirouette, piaffe, passage.

##### **Recommendation Letters:**

Attach two letters of recommendation.

* One from a judge (must be “R” or higher).
* One from a dressage professional who has high-performance credentials.

##### **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, 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!