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Description automatically generatedThe Dressage Foundation’s Young Rider**

**Dream Program: Aachen Application**

You can use this form to gather and save your answers, but the online application found on our website must be completed and received by TDF’s office on or before **January 15, 2025**, for your application to be considered. Please contact us at (402) 434-8585 or info@dressagefoundation.org if you have questions.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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

What is your shirt size?

Date of birth:

Age (must be between 21-25 as of July 2, 2025):

Are you a US Citizen?

**RIDING EXPERIENCE:**

How long have you been studying dressage?

Who is your instructor/trainer?

Are you now or have you previously trained and competed at Fourth Level or above?

Have you been or are you now a working student? If yes, with whom?

Have you previously visited Europe? Have you previously trained and/or competed in Europe?

**SKILLS**

How would you rank your computer skills (1=poor, 5=excellent)?

How would you rank your photography skills (1=poor, 5=excellent)?

How would you rank your writing skills (1=poor, 5=excellent)?

How would you rank your teaching skills (1=poor, 5=excellent)?

**COMPETITION EXPERIENCE:**

Are you presently competing? If yes, at which level(s)?

Have you competed at a Regional and/or National Championship? If yes, which year(s) and at which level(s)?

Have you competed at NAYC? If yes, which year(s)?

Do you intend to try out for 2025 NAYC?

Have you competed in other FEI competitions? If yes, when and where?

**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:**

Please explain in what ways you are involved with your local and national dressage communities. Include committee work and volunteering.

On the trip to Aachen, you will have the opportunity to observe great dressage. How do you propose to share your experience with other riders?

What do you hope to be doing in 5-10 years?

**ESSAY QUESTION: (Answer should be in essay form, between 400-500 words)**

Why should you be selected for this program? For example, tell us how this program will impact your growth in dressage and what this experience will give you that may not otherwise be possible.

**VIDEO**

Please submit a YouTube link of a 5-minute video of you and your horse riding any level dressage test.

**COMPETITION SCORES:**

Provide a USDF printout of scores at Fourth Level and above from the last 2-4 years (Maximum of three pages).

**PHOTO:**

Provide a headshot photo of you.

**RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:**

Provide two (2) letters of recommendation – **At least one** must be from someone within the dressage/equestrian industry who can reflect on you as a horseperson, such as a trainer, instructor, or judge. If you include a personal letter of recommendation, it MAY NOT be written by a parent or relative.  Examples of personal references include teachers, coaches, mentors, etc.  
  
Attach your recommendation letters to the online application form.

**SIGNATURE PAGE:**

Download, sign, and date the signature page that is found at the top of the application page.