**The Dressage Foundation’s**

**George Williams Young Professional Grant Fund**

 **Grant 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 June 1st for your application to be considered. Please contact us at (402) 434-8585 or info@dressagefoundation.org if you have questions.

**Contact Information**

Name:
Address:

Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Age:

 *(Grants are available for applicants ages 25-35 at the time of the application)*

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

**Professional Information:**

How long have you been a dressage instructor/trainer?

How many students do you have?

What is the average age and skill level of your students?

How much time do you devote to teaching?

How many horses do you currently have in training?

How many horses do you currently ride each day?

Who is your home trainer?

At which levels have you ridden? At which levels have you competed?

Provide a brief summary of your dressage training and showing experience. List names of horses ridden, level(s) ridden, awards received.

Have you participated in any portion of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program?

Are you a certified instructor through the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program? If yes, through what level?

*Preference will be given to applicants who have started or completed the certification process through the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program.*

**Grant Information:**

What educational experiences have you previously participated in to improve your abilities as an instructor/trainer?

Provide a brief business plan for the next 2-3 years, including your professional goals and how you will achieve them.

How do you plan to use the Grant funds? (Must include training as a rider and separate training as an instructor. See Fund guidelines page for more information.)

What skills do you hope to improve by participating in your chosen educational opportunities?

**Financial Planning Information:**

What amount are you requesting from the George Williams Fund (Grants typically range from $3,000 – 5,000)?

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the Grant funds. We do not anticipate that the Grant will cover all expenses incurred. Please indicate to the Committee how you will handle the balance of these expenses.

**Competition Scores:**

Provide a USDF printout of scores at 3rd Level and above if applicable.

*Preference is given to applicants who have competition records at 3rd Level or above.*

 **Reference Letters:**

Provide two (2) recommendation letters from individuals who can speak about you as a dressage professional.

**Signature:**

Download and sign where indicated on the Signature Page.

**COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM AT** [**WWW.DRESSAGEFOUNDATION.ORG**](http://WWW.DRESSAGEFOUNDATION.ORG) **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1st TO BE CONSIDERED.**