**The Dressage Foundation’s**

**Team Tate Mentorship and Leadership Fund**
**Grant Application**

Applications will only be accepted through the online form.  The following application and all required attachments must be received by The Dressage Foundation's office on or before **July 15** 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 a Word document, save, and then copy and paste your answers into this form*.**

**Applicant Information:**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

Age (must be over 25 at the time of this application)

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

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

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 500 words)

What are your overall dressage goals? (Max 250 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)

**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)

**Specific Grant Fund Questions:**

How long have you been a dressage professional? Are you an instructor, trainer, and/or clinician?

Tell us about your business – include number of students, their range of ages, skill level, number of horses in training, schedule as a clinician, etc.

What business, communication, and/or leadership skills do you feel that you need to develop?

Tell us about the established relationship you have with your mentor. How long have you worked with them and how often? Why do you consider them a mentor?

How will working with your mentor help you reach your goals?

**Financial Information:**

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the $5,000 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?

**Letters of Recommendation:**

Attach two letters of recommendation from your peers validating your dressage experience/qualifications, good character, and professionalism.

**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!