**The Dressage Foundation’s**

**George Williams Young Professional 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 ****June 1**** to be considered. Attachments must be in Word, Excel, or PDF format.

We encourage you to review the 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*.**** The link to download the Word file is available in the right-hand sidebar of this page.

**Contact Information:**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

Age (must be between 25 and 35 years old 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

##### **Applicant 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 instructor/trainer?

How many students do you have and what is the range of ages and skill levels of your students?

How much time do you devote to teaching?

How many horses do you currently have in training?

Who is your home trainer?

Have you participated in any portion of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program? If yes, which parts?

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.)

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

##### **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?

How is this grant going to help you achieve your goals? (Max 100 words)

##### **Business Plan:**

Provide a brief business plan for the next 2-3 years, including your professional goals and how you will achieve them. (Max 100 words)

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

Provide a USDF printout of scores at 3rd Level and above if applicable. (No more than three pages)

##### **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!