**Carolyn Van Cise Fund for Michigan**

**Youth and Young Adults**

 **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 10**** 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 this form*.****

**Applicant Information:**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Are you a US Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Age at Application Date

Birthdate

Name of Parent/Guardian

If under 19, please provide contact information for your parent/guardian.

Phone of Parent/Guardian

Email of Parent/Guardian

Please list the GMO you are a member of and any other equestrian organizations in which you are a member (Local, national, international). Include the number of years you have been a member of each organization.

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 250 words)

What are your overall dressage goals? (Max 100 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:**

Describe your academic achievements. (Max 100 words)

How do you display positive sportsmanship and respect for others in your community? Include specific examples of when and how you demonstrated the qualities of good sportsmanship. (Max 250 words)

Describe your involvement with the care and training of your horse. (Max 100 words)

**Financial Information:**

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the $1,000 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)

**Letters of Recommendation:**

Attach one letter of recommendation. They must be from adults over the age of 21 who are not members of your family. Letters of recommendation should include observations of your good sportsmanship.

**Signature and Acknowledgement:**

Download and sign where indicated on the Signature Page.

Parent/Guardian Signature required if applicant is under the age of 19.

**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 committee has made its final decision, all applicants will be notified. Thank you!