



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

Youth Convention Scholarship

USDF 2011 Application

This scholarship has been established through funds raised at the USDF Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee (formerly the Youth Executive Board) Silent Auction held during the USDF annual convention. The goals of this scholarship program are to provide financial assistance to young dressage enthusiasts wanting to attend the USDF convention and to increase youth attendance at the convention.

In 2011, up to four scholarships will be awarded to USDF youth members to help defray the expenses associated with attending the USDF convention. Each scholarship will be up to \$1000. One-half of the funds will be paid to the recipient prior to convention, and the remainder of the scholarship will be reimbursed following convention. Scholarship recipients will be required to submit an essay about his/her trip to convention as well as all receipts to receive final reimbursement. The funds may be used to cover transportation, hotel, and registration fees. Scholarship winners will also receive a 50% discount on the cost of USDF Convention Registration. The Convention registration discount does not include additional meal tickets, transportation tickets, or special events that require a separate ticket.

The recipient is required to attend the USDF Youth Educational Session and is encouraged to attend the Youth Programs Committee meeting, the FEI Jr/YR Committee meeting and all University Education sessions. The scholarship recipients are solely responsible for their behavior and actions during the trip and parental/guardian supervision is required for any youth legally defined as a minor.

The Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee selects the winners by assessing characteristics that include participation in USDF and/or dressage related activities, written communication skills, desire to learn, ability to utilize knowledge and overall impression.

Application Due Date: August 15th

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Birth date _____

USDF Member Number _____

* Candidates must be Participating or Youth members in good standing at the time of application.

1. Have you attended the USDF annual convention before? YES _____ NO _____

2. At what level are you currently riding? _____

3. Do you belong to or participate in any other dressage or horse-related organizations or associations?

YES _____ (please list) _____ NO _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate page:

4. List any USDF programs or activities in which you participate.

5. List any school and extracurricular activities in which you participate.

6. If you were awarded this scholarship, how would you utilize the knowledge that you learned at the USDF annual convention?

7. Why do you think attending the USDF annual convention would be beneficial to you?

8. Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship?

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Application must be received by USDF on or before August 15th. A typed document is preferred. Feel free to include supporting materials with your application.

Please mail or fax application to:

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