



USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program

WITH FUNDING SUPPORT FROM THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

January 14-15, 2012
West Palm Beach, Florida



Now that you have entered the “ranks” of the adult dressage world, both USDF and USEF realize the transition from young rider to adult may not be easy for you. Both organizations feel it is important to nurture and foster our future leaders, providing education about what is required for a successful dressage career. The USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program, with funding support from The Dressage Foundation, is designed to help the young rider graduate into the professional world of international competition, teaching, training, and equine business management.

The Young Rider Graduate Program is a weekend educational seminar that will focus on crucial topics such as: fundraising, sponsorship and grants, training opportunities, ethics, business management, management of the high performance horse, legal issues, goal setting and leadership. Seminar presenters include foremost national/international competitors and trainers, successful young rider graduates, and representatives from key national organizations.

The 2012 Young Rider Graduate Program includes a reception with Christoph Hess. In addition, participants in the Young Rider Graduate Program may elect an additional option to attend the Succeed@/USDF 2012 FEI-Level Trainers' Conference featuring Christoph Hess following the conclusion of the Young Rider Graduate Program.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Date: January 14-15, 2012
Location: Crowne Plaza West Palm Beach Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida
Tentative Schedule: Saturday 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. EST/Sunday 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. EST
Registration: Application required; see Applicant Criteria below.
Applications must be received by October 30th, 2011
Notification: Selected applicants will be notified by November 15th, 2011
Fees: \$225 Program Fee includes: Two nights lodging at host hotel, meals, education sessions and two USDF University credits upon completion of the program

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

Age: Must be between 20 & 28 years of age
Membership: Must be a current USDF PM, Youth PM or GM member
Qualifications: Riding at Third Level or above
Deadline: For applications to be considered, the completed application and any supporting documents must be received in the USDF office on or before October 30th, 2011.

**The USDF Youth Programs Committee shall consider all applications received by October 30th, 2011. Selection will be based upon demonstrated commitment to riding, training and/or teaching, and evidence of proficiency at Third Level or above. Recommendations may be submitted to support the completed application.*



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Participant Application

Name: _____

USDF #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Riding Experience:

1. How many years have you been studying dressage?

2. Who is your current instructor/trainer?

3. Have you ridden at Third Level or above?

4. Have you participated in the USDF Jr/YR Clinic Series?

- a. If Yes, please indicate date(s) and name(s) of clinician(s):

Competition Experience:

1. What is the highest level you have competed?

2. At what level are you currently competing?

3. Did you compete in NAJYRC?

- a. If Yes, in what year(s)?

4. What Junior/Young Rider Team or Individual Awards have you earned?

5. Please provide a short summary of your competition experience:

Goals & Community Involvement—Please type your answers on separate sheets.

1. What are you currently doing in the equestrian world?
2. What are your short-term goals?
3. What are your long-term goals?
4. Explain in what ways you are involved with your local dressage community, Pony Club, or USDF? Examples include committee work, volunteering, teaching, training, etc.
5. Please list one question that you would like answered or a topic you would like to see covered at the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program.

Thank you for applying!

Please email your completed application to eminks@usdf.org

or

Fax to Attn: Erica at (859) 971-7722

or

Mail to: USDF, Attn: Erica Minks, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511