



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF

**Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum Participant Application –
Deadline May 19, 2025**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (*please print*) All riders must be 18 years or older as of June 28, 2025.

Name _____ USDF # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Date of Birth _____

HORSE INFORMATION: Demo horses should be 3-4-year-old horses starting their dressage training. Five-year-olds can apply but are not likely to be chosen.

Horse's Name _____ Breed _____

Age _____ Height _____ Color _____ Sex (Mare, Gelding, Stallion) _____
Date of Birth

Sire _____ Dam Sire _____

Owner's Name _____

Breeder's Name _____

SELECTION CRITERIA

The purpose of this program is to bridge the gap between the current USDF Sport Horse In-Hand Program and the training of sport horse prospects as they progress to under-saddle and competition. The correct training of young sport horses is universal; however, horses chosen to participate in the forum will be prioritized based upon their likelihood of a career as a dressage horse. Those interested in other sport horse disciplines are encouraged to apply or audit, as attending this program can be beneficial to anyone involved with young sport horses.

REQUIRED: Application **MUST** be accompanied by a link to an online video of applicant and the horse listed on the application and must show applicant working with applicant horse under saddle at the walk, trot, and canter. The video may also include work on the ground including work in-hand, lungeing and/or long lining.

The video must also show the applicant working with at least one other young horse under saddle at the walk, trot and canter. The video may also include work on the ground including work in-hand, lungeing and/or long lining with this additional horse.

Please provide the video link here:

REQUIRED: Application **MUST** be accompanied by a resume (no longer than one page) that includes the following information:

- Experience training and working with young horses. Emphasis should be on under saddle training, along with any relevant show experience and other accomplishment with young horses in hand and/or under saddle. Could include breed inspection results, etc.
- Horse's training history and show experience.
- Strengths and weaknesses of the horse, along with any training issues
- What you hope to gain from this experience and any issues you would like addressed during the forum.
- Two or three references (see attached form to be used).

The criteria in this application are meant to serve as guidelines for selecting participants for this forum. Accordingly, USDF reserves the right to select the participants most suitable for this forum.

If not selected to participate I am willing to be an alternate. The latest I could be notified and still participate is _____

How did you hear about this forum? Press Release USDF Connection ad other ad _____

Flyer GMO newsletter Word of Mouth e-News USDF website other website

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A waiver of liability, [event participation agreement](#) and photo release will be sent upon selection. An additional waiver of liability will be required by the facility.

I, as participant and/or owner, accept full responsibility for the ability of myself and the horse I will be applying with to perform in the forum with risk of injury or re-injury.

I acknowledge that USDF requires forum participants to wear an ASTM helmet with a harness that is securely fastened when riding and lungeing.

I agree to abide by all USDF rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this clinic. **Regardless of any agreements between the applicant and the horse's owner, the selected forum participant is ultimately responsible for paying the \$300 clinic fee to USDF and for paying the stabling and any related fees to the facility hosting the clinic.** Selected participants will receive payment form and deadlines.

I am aware that I must be a current USDF Member to be selected to participate in this forum. I have verified that my USDF membership is current.

Participant's Signature

Date

Horse Owner's Signature

Date

Please return this completed form to USDF by the application deadline of May 19, 2025, to:

United States Dressage Federation, Inc.

Attn: Bonnie Barr-Briggs

4051 Iron Works Parkway

Lexington, KY 40511

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact the USDF office at (859) 971-2277 or bbriggs@usdf.org

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<input type="checkbox"/> Receipt Confirmed	<input type="checkbox"/> Video enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Selected	<input type="checkbox"/> Notified	<input type="checkbox"/> Release Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Verified	<input type="checkbox"/> Video to follow	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> No Video	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Selected	<input type="checkbox"/> BIO Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Release

USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Program
Reference Page
(make additional copies)
MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 19, 2025

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Applicant Horse: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Can USDF Forum Instructor(s) or USDF contact you for more information? _____

Relationship to Participant: _____

Does Applicant have significant experience with young horses? _____

In hand Experience: _____

Under Saddle Experience: _____

Does applicant have enough knowledge and experience with young horses that safety is always a priority and does applicant demonstrate capability in their work with young horses? _____

Explain: _____

Does Applicant have enough knowledge and experience with young horses to be comfortable working with them in front of a large audience? _____ Explain: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Return to USDF, Attn: Bonnie Barr-Briggs, email bbriggs@usdf.org