

USPEA GRANT APPLICATION



United States
Para-Equestrian
Association

The United States Para Equestrian Association (USPEA) is proud to be able to offer US emerging athletes several different grant programs.

The purpose of these grant programs is to assist US Emerging Athletes who are honing their skills as US Para-Dressage equestrians with the goal of being selected for the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage Program Structure, Pathway Plan and represent the USA in national and international competitions. For more information on these programs, please visit:

https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/j_vl_T6SfWg/emerging-program

To apply for a grant, read the criteria, choose the grant you want to apply for and complete the application. Print, Scan and email it to the USPEA at info@uspea.org **or** place in a stamped envelope and mail to: USPEA

c/o Ellie Brimmer, Secretary
12359 Westhall Place
Wellington FL 33414

Applicant Name: _____

DOB (if under 18yrs): _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Main Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Grant Being Requested: (Please mark only one grant)

- Hope Hand Memorial (HHM) Domestic CPEDI1* Equine Travel Grant
- Hope Hand Memorial (HHM) USEF Festival of Champions Equine Travel Grant
- Jonathan Wentz Memorial (JWM) Emerging Athlete National Show Grant
- Jonathan Wentz Memorial (JWM) Initial Classification Travel Grant

Have you previously received a grant from the USPEA? Yes No

*If yes, please provide Date(s) _____
and Name(s) of Grant(s): _____

For Travel Grants, please provide the following information:

Travelling FROM where: City: _____ State: _____

Travelling TO where: City: _____ State: _____


Total **ONE-WAY** mileage


Signature: _____ Date: _____


Signature of Parent/
Guardian (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

The USPEA will be offering the following types of Grants:

- **Equine Travel Grants** - To be used to offset the travel expenses incurred for horse transportation.
- **Show Grants** - To be used to offset specific competition expenses such as entry and/or stabling fees; purchase of shavings.

 **Initial Classification Travel Grants** – To be used to offset the cost of travelling to and from a classification event for expenses such as air or train travel; gas, tolls, reasonable cost for lodging.

 All grants are subject to the approval of the USPEA Board of Directors and availability of funds.

 All grants will be awarded **after** completion of the event, pending the submission of the following:

- 1) Proof of Participation;
- 2) Expense Receipts specific to grants;
- 3) Completed W9 form
 - a. Forms can be downloaded and printed at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

Criteria For All Grants

To apply for any of the grants offered by the USPEA, the athlete must:

- 1) Be a current member of USPEA at time of application and event. (*Apply for Membership at www.uspea.org.*)
- 2) Be a United States citizen who has declared for the United States.
 - Athletes competing for another country do not qualify for USPEA grants.
- 3) Be at least 16 years old within the competition year.
- 4) Have a current USEF National or FEI International Classification with **Confirmed Grade or Review Set Date Status**.
 - *Exception: Athletes applying for the JWM Initial Classification Grant only need to be eligible for classification. See details under grant descriptions*
- 5) Complete a W-9 form at time of application.
- 6) **Meet additional grant specific criteria as listed under each grant.**
- 7) Apply for ONLY ONE grant at a time.
 - Additional grants may be applied for after determination and/or receipt of prior grant.
 - Maximum of two grants per year. One grant per each quarter year.
- 8) Submit completed grant application and all required documentation within three (3) months after the conclusion of an event.

USPEA Hope Hand Memorial (HHM) Grants

HHM#1 Domestic CPEDI1* Equine Travel Grant (Effective Jan 1, 2023)

Grant Specific Criterion:




HHM #1 Equine Travel Grants are being offered to athletes to who must transport their horses at least 250 miles, one way, to a U.S. CPEDI1* Event.

To apply for a HHM#1 Domestic CPEDI1* grant, the Athlete **MUST**:

- 1) Participate in three (**3**) shows; one of which may be virtual.
 - Acceptable “in-person” shows must be 2 different Licensed USDF/USEF Competitions, under two (2) different judges, held on two (2) different weekends.
 - Acceptable virtual show is the **USPEA Virtual Judging Program**.
- 2) Complete the Para-Dressage Tests Novice A **AND** Novice B in their classified grade.
- 3) Submit three (3) tests, **each** with a score of at least 64%.

*To view these tests, please visit:



<https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/p-e-dressage/tests>

-  Domestic CPEDI1* Equine Travel Grants may be awarded a maximum of **ONCE** per year regardless of the number of horses being transported per athlete.
-  Two (2) Grants is the Lifetime Maximum per athlete.
-  Athletes that have competed in a CPEDI2* or CPEDI3* **DO NOT** qualify for the CPEDI1* grant.

Reimbursement is per the following criteria *and is based on one-way mileage.*

If One-Way Mileage is between:	Grant Reimbursement is a maximum of:
*250-499 miles	----- \$500
*500-999 miles	----- \$750
*1,000-1,499 miles	----- \$1,000
*1,500-1,999 miles	----- \$1,500
*2,000-2,499 miles	----- \$1,750
*2,500+ miles	----- \$2,000

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-  Grants are awarded as long as funding remains available. In the case of over-subscription, athletes who have travelled the furthest distance and have submitted their first application of the year will be given priority over athletes who have received a previous domestic CPEDI1* Equine Travel Grant.
-  All grants will be awarded **after** completion of the event, pending the submission of the following:
 - 4) Proof of Participation
 - 5) Expense Receipts for horse transportation
 - 6) Completed W9 form
 - a. Can be downloaded and printed at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.


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HHM#2 – US Dressage Festival of Champions Equine Travel Grant (Effective Jan 1, 2023)

HHM #2 Grants are being offered to emerging athletes to offset horse transportation expenses for those transporting their horse(s) at least 250 miles *one way* to the USEF Festival of Champions (<https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/dressage/dressage-championships---national--fei/us-dressage-festival-of-champions>).

To apply for the HHM#2 US Dressage Festival of Champions Equine Travel Grant, the Athlete MUST have:

- 1) Received an invitation from the USEF and competed in the US Dressage Festival of Champions, Para Dressage division.
- 2) Only competed in a CPEDI3* during the past 2 competition years in which they are applying for the grant, or never competed in a CPEDI3.


 Domestic Equine Travel Grants may be awarded a maximum of **ONCE** per year regardless of the number of horses being transported per athlete.


 Two (2) Grants is the Lifetime Maximum per athlete.

Reimbursement is per the following criteria *and is based on one-way mileage*.

If One-Way Mileage is between:	Grant Reimbursement is a Maximum of:
*250-499	----- \$500
* 500-999	----- \$750
*1,000-1,499	----- \$1,000
*1,500-1,999	----- \$1,500
*2,000-2,499	----- \$1,750
*2,500+	----- \$2,000

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

 Grants are awarded as long as funding remains available. In the case of over-subscription, athletes who have travelled the furthest distance and have submitted their first application of the year will be given priority over athletes who have received a previous domestic Festival of Champions Equine Travel Grant.

 All grants will be awarded **after** completion of the event, pending the submission of the following:

- 7) Proof of Participation;
- 8) Expense Receipts for horse transportation or specific grant expenses;
- 9) Completed W9 form
 - a. Can be downloaded and printed at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

USPEA Jonathan Wentz Memorial (JWM) Grants




JMW #1 – Emerging Athlete National Show Grant effective Jan 1, 2023


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Grant Specific Criterion:

- 1) The JWM#1 Emerging Athlete National Show Grant is to be used to offset the expense of participating in a National Dressage Show in FEI Para-Dressage Test of Choice (TOC) classes.
 - a. Grant is intended for only one show per weekend. Should more than one show be scheduled for the same place and weekend all shows will count as one.
- 2) Funds from this grant can be used to pay for such expenses as: entry and/or stabling fees; trainer fees.
- 3) Grants of **\$350.00** may be awarded for up to **two USDF/USEF competitions per calendar year**.
- 4) Athletes who have competed in a CPEDI2* or CPEDI3* event are not eligible to apply for the JWM #1 Emerging Athlete National show Grant.
- 5) Athletes may only apply for one grant at a time.
- 6) Athletes may apply for a maximum of 2 (two) JWM#1 grants per calendar year.
- 7) Athletes may apply for a maximum of 4 (four) JWM#1 grants in their lifetime.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

 Grants are awarded as long as funding remains available. In the case of over-subscription, athletes who have travelled the furthest distance and have submitted their first application of the year will be given priority over athletes who have received a previous Emerging Athlete National Show Grant.

 All grants will be awarded **after** completion of the event, pending the submission of the following:



- 10) Proof of Participation;
- 11) Expense Receipts for entry and/or stabling fees or trainer fees;
- 12) Completed W9 form
 - a. Can be downloaded and printed at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

USPEA JMW #2 - Initial Classification Travel Grant (Effective Jan 1, 2023)



- 1) JWM#2 Initial Classification Travel Grants are being offered to offset travel and lodging expenses incurred by athletes who are travelling more than 250 miles, one way, to attend their **initial (first)** classification event for rather it's:
 - a. A USEF National **or**
 - b. An FEI International Classification
- 2) Athlete must be eligible for classification according to the FEI Classification rules.
 - a. Information about these rules can be found at:
[https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI PE Classification Rules 2023 mark up.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI%20PE%20Classification%20Rules%202023%20mark%20up.pdf)
 - b. Specific eligibility information can be found on pages 11 & 12 (7. Eligible Impairment) and Appendix I & II.
 - c. Important: USEF follows the FEI classification rules for National Classification
- 3) The classification event must take place in the U.S.
- 4) Athlete must submit a two-year plan to compete in a USEF/USDF licensed competition.

Reimbursement is per the following criteria *and is based on one-way mileage.*

If One-Way Mileage is between:	Grant Reimbursement is a Maximum of:
*250-499	----- \$150
* 500-999	----- \$250
*1,000-1,999	----- \$500
*2,000-2,500+	----- \$750

-  The maximum reimbursement for airline flight or train travel is \$450.00.
-  The maximum reimbursement for the hotel is \$250.00 for an athlete who is staying more than one night.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-  Grants are awarded as long as funding remains available. In the case of over-subscription, athletes who have travelled the furthest distance and have submitted their first application of the year will be given priority over athletes who have received a previous domestic Festival of Champions Equine Travel Grant.
-  All grants will be awarded **after** completion of the event, pending the submission of the following:
 - 13) Proof of Participation;
 - 14) Expense Receipts for horse transportation or specific grant expenses;
 - 15) Completed W9 form
 - a. Can be downloaded and printed at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.