***USPEA Grant Application***

The purpose of the United States Para Equestrian Association (USPEA) grant programs is to assist US New and Emerging Athletes begin their journey in US Para-Dressage competition with the goal of qualifying for the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage Program Structure, Pathway Plan and to 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

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| 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

□ Meg Mullin Memorial (MMM) Initial FEI Equine Passport Grant

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

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| \*If yes, please provide Date(s) and Name(s) of Grant(s): |  |
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**For Travel Grants, please provide the following information:**

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| Travelling FROM where: | City: |  | State: |  |
| Travelling TO where: | City: |  | State: |  |
| Total ***ONE-WAY*** mileage |  |  |  |

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| Signature: |  | Date: |  |

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| 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
	1. 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*](http://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 Meg Mullin Memorial (MMM) Grants**

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| ***MMM Initial FEI Equine Passport (Effective April 1, 2023)***  |

**Grant Specific Criterion:**

1. MMM#1 Initial FEI Equine Passport Grants are being offered to offset expenses of athlete’s initial CPEDI competition.
2. Athlete must be eligible for FEI classification according to the FEI Classification rules.
3. Athlete and Equine obtaining passport must be eligible to participate in a CPEDI according to the FEI rules.

Reimbursement is $250 toward an initial FEI Equine Passport.

The maximum reimbursement for an initial FEI Equine passport is $250.00.

**Important Reminders:**

* Grants are awarded as long as funding remains available. In the case of over-subscription, athletes who are competing in their first CPEDI1\* will be given priority in order of USPEA receiving all grant requirements.
* One (1) Grant is the Lifetime Maximum per athlete.
* Athletes that have obtained an FEI Equine passport previously **do not** qualify for the Initial FEI Equine passport grant.
* All grants will be awarded ***after*** completion of the event, pending the submission of the following:
1. Proof of completed FEI Equine passport;
2. Expense Receipts for FEI Equine passport;
3. Completed W9 form
	1. Can be downloaded and printed at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.