

The Maine Dressage Society Scholarship Programs and Application

The Maine Dressage Society will award up to 3 scholarships each year to encourage and promote further training and education of The Maine Dressage Society Member/Horse partnerships. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$250 per scholarship. The Scholarship must be used to further dressage education and training of the applicant. Eligible expenses will include (but not necessarily be limited to); the cost of the clinic, symposium, or program (such as the L judge's program), educational material needed to attend the program, and dressage competitions that further the member's education or expertise.

How to Apply: You must be a member in good standing of the The Maine Dressage Society and your affiliated club (CMDA, EMDA, NMDA, or WMDA). Membership forms may be obtained from our website; mainedressagesociety.org or by emailing Beth Brainerd at hbf@roadrunner.com.

Awards Criteria: Scholarships are available to any The Maine Dressage Society member interested in seriously furthering their education and training in dressage. Scholarship Awards must be used in the calendar year for which the scholarship is awarded. Amount of scholarships will be reviewed and, if necessary, reset each year. Applicants will be evaluated without regard to prior awards. All applications must be typed.

Payment of Awards: When application has been accepted and granted, a check will be issued from the TMDS treasurer to the applicant.

Deadlines: Apply any time through out the year, although the number of scholarships awarded is limited.

Complete the cover sheet and submit it with your essay, budget and volunteer testimony to

The Maine Dressage Society Scholarship Application
C/O Beth Brainerd
67 Bill Howe Rd
Norway, Maine 04268

Or you can email the application to Beth Brainerd, hbf@roadrunner.com.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.

Applications will be reviewed by a The Maine Dressage Society approved Committee of 5.

Essay: Write an essay (1000 words maximum) that includes the following information –

- The event (who, what, where, when) for which you are applying
- How you qualified for this event
- What you feel you will gain from this experience and
- How attending this event will benefit the The Maine Dressage Society and the Dressage Community in Maine.

Budget: Include a budget of your expenses for this event.

Examples to include: event cost, stabling, travel, hotel, and materials.

Volunteer: Provide a signed testimony from your club president or appropriate person or persons overseeing the event(s) at which you volunteered. Volunteer time(s) must be at a The Maine Dressage Event or a club event. A full day of volunteering is required to qualify for a scholarship and may be earned over as many events as necessary.

After the Event:

Submit an essay in writing to the newsletter or a video or picture essay to be presented at the The Maine Dressage Society Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting held the last Sunday in January.

(There is no binding commitment on the part of The Maine Dressage Society to fund any particular application or to make a specific number of awards in any amount. The Maine Dressage Society reserves the right to combine or separate or change any and all scholarship awards.)

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Please attach your essay, budget, and proof of volunteerism with this cover sheet.
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Name:

Address:

Phone (home):

Cell:

Email (if you are printing please print VERY NEATLY):

Rider Status: Jr/YR___ Amateur___ Open___ Date of Birth_____

Club Affiliation: CMDA___EMDA___NMDA___WMDA___

I certify that all of the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that is chosen to receive a scholarship that I will use the funding for the event intended and represent the Maine Dressage Society to the best of my ability. I also understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Signature:

Date:

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under 18: