

WDCTA ADULT AMATEUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The mission of the WDCTA Scholarship Program is to provide educational opportunities to members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to and/or excellence in the sport as well as service and ambassadorship within WDCTA. In particular, the committee seeks to support qualified members to take advantage of specific opportunities for advancement with the understanding that the membership and the sport will benefit as a result of the knowledge and experience gained.

Scholarships must be used to participate in educational programs that include, but are not limited to: Seminars, workshops, clinics and training programs offered by recognized or certified instructors.

Programs for which the funding is requested must have a stated objective, must be for the specific purpose of advancing the member's skills or standing in the dressage community, and must have clear beginning and end dates.

To be considered for an award, an applicant must meet the following requirements/qualifications:

1. Minimum of 12 hours of volunteer service over a two-year period.
2. Must be a member-in-good-standing of WDCTA for a minimum of two years.
3. Funds must be used for specifically-stated objective (i.e., clinic, clinic series, riding camp, seminars). Funds may not be used for competition purposes.
4. Award money may be requested and awarded in the current year for a specific activity that promotes dressage education and principles. Activities must be confirmed. If the scholarship is not used, regardless of reason, the award is forfeited. The award is not transferable to another activity or future activity or to another individual.
5. The same scholarship award recipients may not receive the award in consecutive years unless no others apply.
6. The winner must write an essay about the experience gained through the use of the scholarship award. The essay should be submitted to the *Equester* within 60 days following the event.
7. After submission of the required essay, the award recipient will be reimbursed up to the monetary limit of the award by providing submissions of receipts of activity payment to the WDCTA Treasurer.
8. Maximum award is \$250 or 50% of the event fees. (Event fees include rider fees and stabling fees; travel expenses do not apply.)