

## **Linda Burich Adult Amateur Scholarship**

WDCTA-Southwest Chapter

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The purpose of the WDCTA Scholarship Program is to provide educational opportunities to members who have demonstrated commitment to and/or excellence in the sport, as well as service and ambassadorship to WDCTA.

This Adult Amateur Scholarship was created to honor the memory of long-time adult amateur WDCTA-Southwest Chapter member, Linda Burich, who passed away January 30, 2012. Linda was a tireless volunteer, who always stepped-up to help with chapter events. Linda was a dedicated dressage rider who was committed to furthering her own education in order to become a better rider.

### **Overview**

This WDCTA Southwest Chapter scholarship is intended to provide funding support for a Southwest Chapter adult amateur member who is working to sharpen their riding skills and/or to better their understanding of the sport. Educational programs may have either a dressage or eventing focus. Three (3) grants, totaling \$750 will be awarded and then the scholarship will be retired; a maximum of one scholarship will be awarded in a given membership year. Each grant, of \$250 maximum, will be offered to Southwest Chapter members for concentrated work with a trainer of their choice within one (1) year of receiving the grant award.

The grant is meant for an adult amateur Southwest Chapter member to have the opportunity to be in a training situation that is not readily available during the course of his/her daily pattern. Grant monies 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.

### **Application Eligibility**

1. Any Adult Amateur WDCTA Southwest Chapter member who has been a member for at least two full membership years and completed at least 10 hours of volunteer service is eligible for the scholarship. Considerations to be weighed in awarding the scholarship include:
  - a. Riding experience
  - b. Goals for training
  - c. Past and current contributions to WDCTA (both chapter and state)
2. Adult Amateurs must have an US Equestrian Federation (USEF) Amateur card or sign a WDCTA amateur affidavit in order to be eligible.
3. No persons will be ineligible to receive a scholarship based on board or committee memberships; however, they must abstain from voting during any of the application process.
4. An individual can only receive this grant once.

### **Scholarship Requirements**

1. The scholarship must be used for any clinic, forum or other activity sponsored or endorsed by WDCTA, USEA, USDF, USET, USEF or other. This does not include show entry fees of any kind, travel costs, or stabling.

2. Because the applications are reviewed at chapter business meetings, which occur on an infrequent basis, it is in the applicant's best interest to apply as early as possible. Reimbursement for a previously attended clinic, forum, or activity will not occur.
3. If the clinic, forum, or activity recipient planned to attend is filled or cancelled after processing the application, the scholarship monies must be returned to WDCTA-SW.
4. Recipients must present proof that the clinic, forum or activity was attended.
5. Within six months of attending the scholarship-funded event, all recipients will be required to:
  - a. Write an article for the WDCTA newsletter, the eQuester; OR
  - b. Make a presentation at a Southwest Chapter meeting; AND
  - c. Volunteer in some manner to forward the WDCTA mission (i.e. at a chapter-sponsored show, clinic or other activity).

### **Scholarship Amount**

1. The dollar amount of the scholarship award is not to exceed \$250.
2. The scholarships are available for TUITION/TRAINING ONLY. No transportation, stabling or personal costs are to be included.

### **Application Procedure**

The application should be submitted to the Southwest Chapter President. The Southwest Chapter Officers will review the application and a recommendation made at the next business meeting of the chapter. The Chapter members will vote to accept or reject the Chapter Officers' recommendation.

The Chapter Officers will screen each application with a uniform set of criteria, eliminating the possibility of subjective selection or favoritism. General criteria should include such benchmarks as Length of WDCTA membership, Volunteer History, Goal of the Educational Program, Competition Level, Previous Awards and Recognition and Timeliness of Goal. The Committee attempts at all times to keep focused on how the overall membership can benefit from the educational opportunity the scholarships are providing.

Applicants should send their completed application form to:

Southwest Chapter President:

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