

# Fort Worth Dressage Club

## Scholarship Application Form

As stated in Article II of the By-Laws of the Fort Worth Dressage Club, the purpose of the club is to promote dressage in Fort Worth and the surrounding area. In furthering this goal, the Club shall offer clinics, seminars, educational programs, competitions and other and training opportunities. The Club has established a scholarship program to assist members who wish to further their riding careers through educational opportunities, which may become available (full scholarship qualifications are found in the "Proposed Guidelines for the FWDC Scholarship Program") on the Web Page, under [www.FWDC.com](http://www.FWDC.com).

This program is funded by the auction proceeds of the annual Club Christmas Party. Scholarship applications will be printed in the newsletter in the December, January, June and July issues for membership notification. All members wishing to apply for scholarships should have their applications in to the Committee no later than February 1 and August 1, of each year. The Scholarship Committee will meet in February and August to determine how many awards (one scholarship per family, per year) may be made and to make recommendations as to the recipients of those awards. To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be a member in good standing of the Fort Worth Dressage Club and have completed the required hours for Volunteer Service to qualify.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE (If Under 18):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your responses to the following questions. You may respond at whatever length you feel appropriate.

1. Please describe your dressage goals
2. At what level are you currently riding: Novice\_\_\_\_ Training\_\_\_\_ I – IV\_\_\_\_ Prix St. G or Above\_\_\_\_
3. Name any FWDC activities in which you have participated in the past
4. State the purpose for requesting funding.
5. State the desired amount of funding requested and approximate time of need
6. What have you done to fulfill your service commitment according to the scholarship guidelines?
  - a. Volunteered for:
    - i. FWDC Shows \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. FWDC Sanctioned events \_\_\_\_\_ (Annual Christmas Party or other club event)
    - iii. FWDC sponsored clinics \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Provide Educational Programs/seminars for members? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Provide Training for members? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Serve as a committee member or officer for FWDC? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Other: (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Proposed Guidelines for FWDC Scholarship Program

1. Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account and can only be withdrawn by majority vote of the governing board. The Scholarship Committee, composed of three members of FWDC will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year and that committee will meet as determined necessary.
2. The scholarship fund is for the purpose of:
  - a. Providing financial assistance to FWDC members to further their dressage education through participation in instructional lessons, clinics with professional clinicians or other educational events.
  - b. Participation in shows, recognized and schooling, which serves to demonstrate the advancement of understanding of dressage.
  - c. Representing the FWDC at region and national meetings to help maintain a constant communication link between the club and the governing bodies of the USDF.
  - d. Other uses deemed appropriate by the Scholarship committee and the Board of Officers of the FWDC.
3. It is intended that funds be allowed to build up in this account, but much never let the fund drop below \$100.00. The committee may not allocate more than \$500.00 to any individual, unless special dispensation is given by the majority of the Board on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.
4. Scholarship funding is limited:
  - e. Only once every two years to an individual
  - f. Once per family per year
  - g. To an equal number of young/junior riders and adults as determined by application
5. Requirements:
  - h. Meet scheduled application deadlines (February 1 or August 1 for a rolling 12 month period)
  - i. May be amateur or professional rider (professionals are encouraged to foster education within the membership)
  - j. Volunteer Hours: Club sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraising, other club activities (excluding meeting attendance) and must be recorded
    - i. 10 Volunteer Hours = \$100 - 200 maximum dollars awarded
    - ii. 15 Volunteer Hours = \$300 - 500 maximum dollars awarded
  - k. Complete Scholarship Application Form, including answers to six questions
  - l. Write an article in the FWDC newsletter explaining your educational experience after completion
  - m. Provide the Scholarship Committee with proof of attendance at the requested event by paid receipt, show secretary signature, ect.

The Scholarship Committee will determine within 30 days of the next general meeting, the names of the Scholarship recipients, and amounts awarded. Incompletion of the Scholarship Requirements make the member automatically ineligible for future scholarship awards, unless approval is gained from the Scholarship Chairperson.

