



SCHOLARSHIP & TRAVEL GRANT

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SCHOLARSHIP:

If you are applying for an education Scholarship, here are the application criteria:

- Scholarship amounts are given to an applicant for up to \$1,000.00 total per membership year. The amount of the scholarship is the sole decision of DCNM and its Application Review Committee (APC).
- Any DCNM member may apply who is paid for the year in which they are applying and in good standing with DCNM, USEF, USDF and Safe Sport.
- With your DCNM Scholarship Application, submit a copy of the completed application for the education event, if the event has an application.
- Indicate a contact person who may confirm your attendance after the event.
- Write a brief summary of what you learned at the event and send to DCNM no later than 30 days after the event.
- If you do not attend the event for any reason, you must return all scholarship funds to DCNM within 30 days of cancellation of attendance.
- A Scholarship must be used within the membership year it is awarded.

Education events that qualify for Scholarship consideration:

1. **Online Learning** with an USEF, USDF, and or DCNM source of material.
2. **In-Person Classroom Learning** with an USEF, USDF or DCNM source of material.
3. **In-Person Training** at a Clinic, Symposium or other organized education event that utilizes any nationally or internationally recognized expert rider, coach, trainer, licensed professional, or dressage sport official as the presenter/clinician, who is not your regular dressage trainer/coach.
4. **Any other education event will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the APC.**

TRAVEL GRANT:

If you are applying for a Travel Grant, here are the application criteria:

- Travel grant amounts are given to an applicant for up to \$1,000.00 total per membership year. The amount of the travel grant is the sole decision of DCNM and its APC.
- Any DCNM member may apply who is paid for the year in which they are applying and in good standing with DCNM, USEF, USDF and Safe Sport.
- A Travel Grant is intended to allow an applicant to attend an out of the state of New Mexico competition or unique education event.

- **For Jr/Young Riders under the age of 18**, you must list the people with whom you will travel and stay with during the travel dates. At least one person travelling with a Jr/Young Rider under the age of 18 must be a parent or legal guardian. Any trainer or other person assisting with coaching during out-of-state competition must be in compliance with USEF Safe Sport.
- Write a brief summary of your experience and what you learned at the competition/event. Include a list of any awards and/or scores received. Send to DCNM no later than 30 days after the event.
- If you do not complete the travel for any reason, you must return all Travel Grant funds to DCNM within 30 days of cancellation of travel.
- A Travel Grant must be used within the membership year it is awarded.

IMPORTANT:

Deadline for submitting an application: Your complete application must be received by email no later than thirty (30) days before the date your event begins for a Scholarship or before the date your travel begins for a Travel Grant. Email all applications to pferdfrau@gmail.com No US Mail applications are accepted.

Are you on social media? The APC will review your content on social media for any violation of USEF, USDF, DCNM policies and rules. The APC will also consider the content in terms of “influencer” activity, violence, offensiveness, illegal activity, social bullying, animal wellbeing, and other subject matter that do not conform with the mission and outlook of DCNM or the sport of dressage. If an applicant is under age 18, Parent or Legal Guardian social media may be reviewed.

Volunteer requirement: All Scholarship and/or Travel Grant recipients are required to perform four (4) hours of volunteer activity at a DCNM education event or competition for each award of funds within the membership year awarded. Volunteer activity hours shall be performed after that date of award.

All decisions and amounts awarded by DCNM are final: No award or amount is guaranteed to an applicant.

Additional Terms and Conditions: Awards of funds expire at the end of the membership year it is given, if unused or unclaimed by the applicant. Awards of funds are not transferable or redeemable for cash or goods. Any misrepresentations on an application will make the application/award of funds void.

Compliance: Any failure to comply with the criteria, terms and conditions of DCNM Scholarship and Travel Grant Program may make the member ineligible for future awards.

Release of Liability and Agreement to Hold Harmless: The applicant (and parent legal guardian, if under the age of 18), by accepting an award of funds, agrees to forever hold DCNM, its Board of Directors; DCNM APC; agents; heirs; and assigns harmless for any and all liability, damage or loss, of whatever nature, whether known or unknown at any time which might be construed as associated with the application process, award of funds and/or use of the funds.

I have read the foregoing Information Sheet 2026 and accept all of the criteria, terms and conditions as stated.

Signature

(if applicant is under the age of 18, signed by Parent or Legal Guardian)

Print Name

Date



SCHOLARSHIP & TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Must be received 30 days before the event or travel for which you are requesting assistance

Please TYPE or NEATLY hand write the following:

Name _____ Date of Birth: _____ (if under age 18)
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

If under age of 18: Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
(all communication with a minor applicant will include Parent/Legal Guardian)

Requesting a Scholarship in the amount of \$ _____
OR
Requesting a Travel Grant in the amount of \$ _____

For (Title of Event/Competition): _____ Date(s): _____

Total Years of experience in horse activities: _____ Total Years of experience in dressage: _____
Do you own or lease your current horse?: _____ Own _____ Lease

Have you ever received a scholarship or grant related to equine activities? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, from whom and date(s): _____

How much was the amount(s) of your past scholarship(s)/grant(s)? \$ _____

Have you ever received any monetary income or gifts associated with horses from:

1. Barn labor (i.e., stall cleaning, feeding, tack care, riding): _____
2. Grooming duties (i.e. bathing, clipping, tacking, handling/cleaning) for owners of horses: _____
3. Sponsorship from horse-related industry (i.e. saddlery, tack, equipment, feed, clothing): _____
4. Social media influencer/social promoter for any equestrian company, group, industry, or entity: _____

If yes, to any of 1-4, please attach written explanation.

Are you on social media? If yes, what platforms:
Facebook _____ Instagram _____ Twitter _____ Other(name): _____

Date _____ Signature _____ Print Name: _____

Date _____ Parent/Guardian _____ Print Name: _____

Please attach a 1-4 paragraph essay of why you would like to receive a scholarship or grant and how you would use the funds to advance your education and goals in the sport of dressage.

Committee Use Only:

Date received: _____ Date reviewed: _____ Status upon review: _____

Complete: _____ Incomplete, needs: _____

Signed Release of Liability received: _____ Initials: _____