

North Woods Dressage Association Individual Grant Policy

Because equestrian clinics are expensive, it is our intent to provide annual grant funding for members in good standing of NWDA as an incentive to pursue additional training, and then to share that information with the association's members.

Grants are available to all association members who wish to continue their education, junior/young rider, amateur, or professional, after one full year of membership. The grants are available to all members and are not based on financial need. Each grant recipient is required to “bring something back” to the NWDA membership. For grants of \$150 or less, the recipient is required to write an article, of approximately 500 words, for the NWDA newsletter, the Accent. For grants of \$151 to \$500, the recipient is required to prepare for the membership, a presentation or other appropriate activity, which has been approved by the Scholarship/Education Committee. Individuals are eligible to apply for grants in alternating years. For example, a member who received a grant in 2009, based upon the date of the clinic, would be eligible to apply again in 2011. The maximum amount per grant is \$500. Scholarships are for educational expenses such as clinic fees, seminar fees, or special clinic lessons, not for stabling, trailering, accommodations, food, or gas.

The total amount committed annually to individual grants is \$1000. For requests up to \$150, applications must be received at least 30 days in advance of the event. For requests in excess of \$151, applications must be received at least 60 days in advance.

Grants are made in the form of reimbursement after report to the membership is complete. For grants of \$150 or less, the article for the Accent must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chair within 60 days of the event. For grants of \$151 or more, the presentation or other board approved activity must be completed within 6 months of the event.

Information needed to complete the application include:

- *member's contact information
- *member's NWDA involvement
- *brief history of member's riding experience
- *member's goals for this event
- *description of the event including clinic flyer or resume of clinician
- *expenses for the event
- *brief proposal of member's article or presentation to the association.

All grant requests should be made via the NWDA grant application included in the current NWDA Omnibus or on the website. The applications should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chair listed at the bottom of the scholarship application. Recipients will be notified of the committee's decision at least two weeks prior to the event. No more than two NWDA Grants will be awarded per event.