

Applications for Dressage NSW Young Rider Scholarship Scheme 2009-2010

The scholarships are awarded annually. The aim of the scholarship is to provide the opportunity for more young riders to access top coaches, meet other young riders and improve their knowledge and participation in dressage events.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any young rider up to 21 years of age at the time entries close can apply. To be eligible to participate in the scholarship you need a sponsor and you need to have helped for the whole day/evening in at least 3 Dressage NSW related events since the last NSW Young Rider Championships. We then consider instructor reports and your performance in dressage competitions since the last NSW Young Rider Championships.

SPONSORSHIP:

You need to find a sponsor who will sponsor you for \$50.00; this amount can be provided by one sponsor or up to 3 sponsors. The sponsors cannot be members of your immediate family. Please provide copies of the letter you write asking for sponsorship. The money raised goes towards the scholarship funds. Please advise your sponsor that all sponsorship funds are used to help pay for the clinic, even if you do not get through the selection process.

HELPING AT DRESSAGE NSW events:

You can help at DNSW events at Clarendon, at the Sydney CDI event, the State or National Dressage Championships, the Young Rider Championships, at regional club events or at Judges' Seminars which are held around the state. You might be a runner collecting tests from judges or pencil/ gear steward, you might be a member of your local dressage club committee or be a demonstration rider in a judges' clinic. You might help in the canteen or help with hospitality at our big events; you could host an interstate rider during the young rider championships or be a groom for the international riders who compete at the Sydney CDI event if required.

There are plenty of times when clubs which run dressage competitions need your help. Please make sure you get an official to sign your card for any events where you help. A calendar is on the DC web site: www.dressagensw.com.au, you can contact the organiser to volunteer or if you know in advance that you will be available for DNSW events you can let me know.

INSTRUCTOR REVIEW:

Regional Clubs that organise clinics can obtain rider review forms from me for the instructors to complete; you can also ask your regular instructor or a clinic instructor to do a report for you.

PERFORMANCE:

Please list your best results during the last year from the 2009 Young Rider Championships (Nationals) until June 1st 2010. Include up to 10 of your best dressage competition performances.

SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS:

Up to 30 riders will be selected from the scholarship applications in 2 age groups: 15 years and under and 16 - 21 years.

- **A rider can only win 3 scholarships overall.**
- **National and State Squad Members are not eligible to apply for a Scholarship.**
- **No applications will be accepted unless submitted with full required documentation by the closing date of 1 June.**

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

The 25-30 riders selected from the Scholarship applications will be invited to take part in the Scholarship competition that will take place at the 2008 NSW Young Rider Championships. You will be given a set test to ride, plus, you are asked to plan a short freestyle of any other movements you and your horse can do. It is very important that you don't ride complicated movements that you or your horse are not ready for. It is best to ride movements no higher than one level above that at which you are currently competing.

The judging panel considers your performance in three ways:

- the perspective of a judge in open competition;
- a coach looking at the correctness of training;
- a selector's point of view to see how you cope with the stress of competing.

- presentation is also considered by looking at the cleanliness of your riding clothes and tack and the general grooming of your horse. **It is expected that entrants in the scholarship class wash, plait and prepare their horse and saddlery themselves for this class.**

TEST REVIEW:

After you ride, you will be assessed by a "Revision Judge" who will question you about your performance. We are looking to see how you assess your own test, the movements that went well and the areas for improvement. The finalists are not necessarily the riders who rode the best test. The panel will also consider your own review of your test.

EQUAL PLACINGS:

Where there is an equal placing for a Scholarship Award, the following will apply:

- In the event of an equal place, the Revision Judge's mark will determine the Scholarship Award.
- In the event of a further equal placing, the Presentation Judge's marks will decide the Scholarship Award.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

The top ten riders from the Scholarship Competition will be eligible to attend a Scholarship Training Clinic and receive tuition from an Instructor appointed by Dressage NSW free of charge during this Scholarship clinic.

The scholarship will be conducted over 3 days with the top ten riders;

4 from 15 yrs and under; 4 from 16 years to 21 years of age; the remaining two places in the Scholarship clinic will be given to the next 2 highest percentage scores from either age group.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Make sure you include the following items:

- Prepare a folder with a title page that includes: your name, address, telephone number/ e-mail address, date of birth, name of regular instructor, name of your local dressage club. Add all the other information needed as listed below. Neatness does count.
- Write a letter requesting sponsorship to up to 3 local businesses and provide copies of these letters in your application.
- Include your sponsorship cheque(s) up to \$50.00. Make the cheque(s) payable to: Dressage NSW.
- Complete the "Help at Dressage Events" part of your card and make sure organisers have signed it.
- Include up to 10 of your best dressage competition performances.
- Include instructor review forms from clinics and/or your own instructor.

Post the completed application, along with full documentation to the Admin. Secretary by **June 1st 2010. No applications will be accepted unless completed in full.**

No faxed or e-mail entries accepted.

Dressage NSW, Young Rider Scholarship Application.

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Good luck with your application.

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