

The Professional Scholarship

Guidelines



This scholarship is designed to enhance the education of NEWDA members, who are Professional's as defined by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), and who wish to pursue continued dressage education through clinics, symposiums, seminars and other educational programs sponsored by either USEF, USDF, and/or NEWDA.

1. Selection Committee and Selection Process

A. The Committee will consist of (3) individuals, each from two different NEWDA chapters and the BOD President. The chairperson will be someone other than the BOD President.

B. The committee chairperson shall retain all applications for three years from date of the event and supply a written summary report to the NEWDA state treasurer and the BOD annually.

C. All applications and essays must be submitted to the Selection Committee by way of the committee chairperson at least 30 days prior to event date. The selection committee will review the application and notify the applicant as soon as the committee makes the decision regarding the approval of the scholarship and the amount to be awarded prior to the event. All applications will be considered on an individual basis and the number of scholarships will not be limited on an event basis. (If ten riders apply for a scholarship for a specific event, then all ten could conceivably receive a scholarship.)

a. For clinics, awards will be made to riding participants only; auditing a clinic does not qualify for a scholarship award. NEWDA defines a clinic as one-on-one instruction to a person riding a horse, either owned or leased by that rider. The instructor must be someone that the rider does not work with on a regular basis.

b. For symposiums, awards will be made to auditors only; riders in a symposium do not qualify for a scholarship. NEWDA defines a symposium as a teaching clinic that includes multiple riders, participating only for the instruction of the audience and not for the purposes of individualized instruction.

c. NEWDA members are eligible to receive only one award per calendar year.

2. Award Selection

A. Only NEWDA participating members, 21 years of age and older may be selected. An Applicant must have been a NEWDA member for at least one year prior to the event the event in which they are applying for a scholarship.

B. Applicant must submit, an essay, as outlined below, with an application to:

NEWDA Awards Chairman
1731 S. River Rd.
Janesville, WI 53546
newdaawards@gmail.com (Preferred)
608.449.9552

C. The Essay should include any riding related training and education, show experience, goals for the future and how the scholarship will benefit the equestrian sport and NEWDA members.

D. Volunteer History - applicant's volunteer history with NEWDA or any other non-profit equestrian organization should be listed on application. Volunteering is a prerequisite and can include such things as volunteering at profit organization. If you volunteer with other non-profits, applicant will need to list the organizations name, a contact person, what duties you performed, and the number of volunteer hours. In addition NEWDA shows, clinics, and conventions, and being involved in planning of NEWDA events or any other non-completed. A minimum of eight (8) volunteer hours is required to received the scholarship, with at least four (4) hours of NEWDA volunteering are required.

E. Attendance of at least two (2) NEWDA chapter meetings or board meetings, during the application year is required for eligibility. (Verification based solely on the recorded attendance sign in sheet of the meeting minutes published in the Forward newsletter.)

F. Applicant need not own the horse that will be used during the educational/clinic session.

G. Applicant must be a Professional, as defined by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) GR1308.

H. Horses do not need to be registered with USEF/USDF.

I. Applicants and horses do not need to have a competition history, either together or separately, in order to be considered for the scholarship.

J. The selection committee will give the rider's history precedence over the horse's history. The scholarship is dedicated to the furthering of the applicants education, not the horse.

K. Recipient of scholarship must submit an article that will be published on the NEWDA website outlining their experience and goals within 60 days following the event.

3. The Award

A. The scholarship committee will determine what financial commitment for each applicant will be and how many scholarships will be awarded in a fair and unbiased manner. The maximum award will be \$200 or 60% of the fees, whichever the lesser amount. If fund total is \$800 or less, applicant will receive 15% of the fund. The amount will also be based on number of applicants and funds available. Minimum amount will not be less than \$50.00 for clinic fees. Event fees include rider fees and stabling fees only or auditing fees only; travel expenses not included or awarded.

B. If amount in fund is not enough to award more than one applicant, the scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the most NEWDA volunteer hours.

C. Applicant award amount will be decided before the event, but reimbursed after applicant has completed their remaining requirements of submitting an that will be published on the NEWDA website, in accordance with 2(k) above.

D. Any proposed change or waiver of scholarship guidelines must be submitted by the Scholarship Program Committee for approval by the Board of Directors.