



# YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

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## **WHAT IS THE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP?**

The Ohio Dressage Society Youth Scholarship Fund is designed to encourage the serious pursuit of a career in the art of dressage. It was designed to help our younger members afford opportunities that would not otherwise be open to them. These activities should promote a life-long interest and passion for the horse, the sport of dressage and/or to help young equestrians to pursue a riding career devoted to dressage.

## **WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?**

Any rider under the age of 21 (as of January 1 of the year the scholarship is to be awarded) who has been a member of ODS for at least one year may apply using the standard application. Riders that are more highly considered are those that have shown a long history of interest and involvement in the sport, dedicated and contributed to furthering the sport by volunteering, demonstrate financial need, and, if have received the scholarship prior, used the funds in an appropriate way.

Winners of the scholarship will be required to submit a 500 word essay on how the scholarship furthered their knowledge and provide details of their experience. Photos of the riders with their horses are also encouraged to be submitted, specifically from the activities they participated in. These are due no later than October 31, 2018 to the Scholarship Committee. Essays and photos will be used in a presentation given at the ODS Awards Banquet in December.

## **WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?**

The funds may also be used for opportunities such as a national or international sponsored opportunity, a horse related course at an approved university or college, or a USDF or USEF clinic, symposium, or NAYR Qualifier.

## **HOW MUCH IS THE SCHOLARSHIP?**

Depending on the event/activities cost, the board may vote to allocate more funds to a particular individual. A maximum scholarship of \$1000 is available per individual. More than one individual may be awarded funds each year at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Fill out the attached application in full and submit to the scholarship committee for review. The application includes:

- ODS Youth Scholarship Application Form
- 2-4 Letters of recommendation (2 letters at minimum for consideration)

## **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Mail your complete application or Email with all attachments (including letters):

**Mail to:** ODS Scholarship Committee, c/o Anna Morrison, 5221 Stratford Ave, Powell, OH 43065

**Email to:** [Annacmorrison1@gmail.com](mailto:Annacmorrison1@gmail.com)

# **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

*SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2018. WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL.*