



Austin Dressage Unlimited (ADU)
Scholar Athlete
Education Scholarship

Criteria for eligibility:

1. This ADU Scholar Athlete Education Scholarship is open to all ADU members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ADU member volunteers, committee members, and board members.
2. Must be a current member in good standing of Austin Dressage Unlimited. In addition, applicant must have been an ADU member for at least 1 previous year as well.
3. Must be a Graduate of the ADU-University program, or have served as an ADU University mentor in a past year.
4. Must have a background of attending previous ADU dressage educational events. The more ADU event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ADU scholarship. Attendance at non-ADU dressage educational events will be considered in addition.
5. Must have a background of volunteerism for ADU. This includes volunteering on at least 1 ADU committee. The more ADU volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ADU scholarship. Volunteerism for non-ADU dressage related events will be considered in addition.

Criteria for using this ADU Scholar Athlete Education Scholarship:

1. Scholarship may be used toward the registration/entry fee for the following types of dressage educational events:
 - a. ADU educational events (ex. Judging Seminar, Workshops, Educational Practice Shows, etc)
 - b. USDF sponsored educational programs (ex. USDF Adult or Junior Clinics, "L" Program, USDF Certified Instructor Program, USDF Convention or Symposium, etc)
 - c. USDF-University approved programs

- d. Dressage clinic or dressage related educational/training program given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, USDF Gold or Silver Medalist.
2. Scholarship winner must receive ADU Scholarship Committee *pre-approval* for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event, *prior* to the event occurring.
3. Scholarship monies will not be awarded until *after successful completion* of attendance at the approved dressage educational event, with proof of completed attendance and the submission to ADU of the required post report.
4. Scholarship winner must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used, and submit it to the ADU Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event.
5. Scholarship is non-transferable, and may only be used for the rider's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic)
6. Scholarship must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded, and may not be carried over past 1 year.

Additional Information:

1. A maximum of four \$150 scholarships will be awarded by ADU to eligible applicants each year. (Exception being if ADU obtains additional financial sponsorships designated to be used for ADU Scholar Athlete awards)
2. Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year. ADU Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times a year (Jan & July) to review all applications received up to that point. Scholarship Committee may award "0" scholarships, or may award more than 1 scholarship at each of these meetings, as they deem fit.
3. Not all allotted scholarships may be awarded in a single year if Scholarship Committee does not deem enough applicants meeting minimum eligibility. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ADU Scholarship Committee.
4. An ADU member may only be awarded a scholarship once per 12 month period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given year, applicant may apply again another year. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible applicants who have not received a scholarship before.

ADU Education Scholarship Committee will include the following:

The 2 ADU Education Team Co-Leaders
The ADU-University Dean
The ADU CEO
The ADU Special Projects Team Leader