

## **Maine Dressage Society Scholarship Programs and Application**

The Maine Dressage Society will award up to 3 scholarships each year to encourage and promote further training and education of Maine Dressage Society Member/Horse partnerships. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$250 per scholarship. The Scholarship must be used to further dressage education and training of the applicant. Eligible expenses will include (but not necessarily be limited to); the cost of the clinic, symposium, or program (such as the L judge's program), educational material needed to attend the program, and dressage competitions that further the member's education or expertise.

How to Apply: You must be a member in good standing of the Maine Dressage Society and your affiliated club (CMDA, EMDA, NMDA, SMDA, or WMDEA). Membership forms may be obtained from our website; [mainedressagesociety.org](http://mainedressagesociety.org) or by emailing Beth Brainerd at [hbf@roadrunner.com](mailto:hbf@roadrunner.com).

Awards Criteria: Scholarships are available to any Maine Dressage Society member interested in seriously furthering their education and training in dressage. Scholarship Awards must be used in the calendar year for which the scholarship is awarded. Amount of scholarships will be reviewed and if necessary reset each year. Applicants will be evaluated without regard to prior awards. All applications must be typed.

Payment of Awards: When application has been accepted and granted, a check will be issued from the MDS treasurer to the applicant.

Deadlines: Applications may be submitted by February 15, May 15, or August 15 of the year applying.

Complete the cover sheet and submit it with your essay, budget and volunteer testimony to:

Maine Dressage Society Scholarship Application  
C/O Beth Brainerd  
67 Bill Howe Rd  
Norway, Maine 04268

Or you can email the application to Beth Brainerd, [hbf@roadrunner.com](mailto:hbf@roadrunner.com).

*Incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.*

Applications will be reviewed by a Maine Dressage Society approved Committee of 5.

Essay: Write an essay (1000 words maximum) that includes the following information –

- The event (who, what, where, when) for which you are applying
- How you qualified for this event
- What you feel you will gain from this experience and
- How attending this event will benefit the Maine Dressage Society and the Dressage Community in Maine.

Budget: Include a budget of your expenses for this event.

Examples to include: event cost, stabling, travel, hotel, and materials.

Volunteer: Provide a signed testimony from your club president (or committee member) or the Maine Dressage Society President (or committee member) stating an event you volunteered at to benefit your club or Maine Dressage Society.

After the Event:

Submit an essay in writing to the newsletter or a video or picture essay to be presented at the Maine Dressage Society Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting held the last Sunday in January.

(There is no binding commitment on the part of Maine Dressage Society to fund any particular application or to make a specific number of awards in any amount. Maine Dressage Society reserves the right to combine or separate or change any and all scholarship awards.)

## Maine Dressage Society Scholarship Application

Please attach your essay, budget, and proof of volunteerism with this cover sheet. Incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if you are printing please print VERY NEATLY):

Rider Status: Jr/YR\_\_\_ Amateur\_\_\_ Open\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: CMDA\_\_\_EMDA\_\_\_NMDA\_\_\_SMDA\_\_\_WMDEA\_\_\_

I certify that all of the information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am chosen to receive a scholarship that I will use the funding for the event intended and represent the Maine Dressage Society to the best of my ability. I also understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Signature:

Date:

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under 18: