



# UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

## Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant

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### Introduction

Ruth Arvanette was a long-time USDF employee. Later in her life, she became an employee of The Dressage Foundation. Until the time she passed away, Ruth was always a supporter of USDF. She was instrumental in many programs still in place today – such as the All-Breeds Awards. Ruth especially enjoyed the USDF Annual Convention and one of her main goals was to make attending the convention a reality for everyone, especially USDF group members.

Ruth passed away March 21, 2000, after a battle with cancer. USDF has developed the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund to honor her. This grant enables a group member to attend the annual convention by providing funds to cover the cost of attendance. Ruth hoped that group members attending convention might take home with them the information they gathered at convention and help their Group Member Organizations (GMO) through their new found knowledge. The USDF is pleased to continue Ruth's dream and legacy through the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund.

### Specifics

USDF will award one (1) such grant from the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund each year for the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention.

The grant will include: 1) reimbursement of up to \$500 for airfare\*; 2) USDF will pay for 1/2 of the lodging expense for the winner (5 nights maximum)\*; and 3) complimentary USDF full convention registration. Full registration includes the convention and university sessions and does NOT include the Awards Banquet or Salute Gala. Total outlay for the grant would be at most \$700 (excluding the full convention registration.)

\*Reimbursement of funds will be provided by the USDF office upon submission of receipts no later than 60 days after the convention.

### Directions

A committee will review all applications and notify the winner by phone or mail no later than September 30. Please be certain to complete the form in its entirety. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

**Please answer each of the following questions. Type or print your answers and essay using this application form. Be certain to print clearly so your application may be judged fairly. Your completed application must be faxed or mailed to USDF no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Section One (To be completed by the GMO president or designee of the primary GMO of the applicant)

1. Name of primary GMO \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of members in your primary GMO \_\_\_\_\_
3. Approximate revenues minus expenses from previous fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_
4. Approximate balance carried forward from the last fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_
5. In the last three years, has any individual from your GMO been financially sponsored to attend the annual convention by your GMO? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Does your GMO generally have one or more individuals in attendance at the annual convention? \_\_\_\_\_

## Section Two (To be completed by the applicant. Attach separately as needed)

1. Please list the USDF GMO(s) you belong to.
  
2. How many USDF annual conventions have you attended? If one or more, did you receive financing from your GMO?
  
3. How long have you been a member of a USDF GMO?
  
4. How many functions of your primary GMO have you attended? Please list these functions.
  
5. If you answered one or none to question #4, please explain.
  
6. At how many GMO functions have you volunteered? (Please briefly describe your work at each of these functions, and list the approximate number of hours worked at each one.)
  
7. If you have volunteered at functions of your GMO, at how many were you the primary organizer?
  
8. What would you or your GMO hope to gain by your attendance at the annual convention?

In 250 words or less, please explain why you should be selected to receive this grant.