



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

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USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program Application Requirements

Purpose

The USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of youth in the dressage community at all levels. This program is open to students who are currently enrolled in grades 6-12 of a middle/ high school or home school program and are a Participating or Group Member of USDF. Pins can be earned in each year of enrollment in the program.

The program year will run from July 1 through June 30.

- All eligibility and program requirements must be met during the program year of July 1 – June 30.
- USDF membership must be current when all volunteer and education hours are earned.
- USDF membership must be current when both qualifying scores are earned.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Membership:** Must be a current USDF Participating or Group Member in good standing at the time of fulfilling the requirements of this program and at the time of submitting the application.
- **School Enrollment:** Must be enrolled in grades 6-12 of a middle/high school or home school program.

Program Requirements - Must submit proof of the following (reporting forms for Volunteer Hours and Education Hours are available on the USDF Website):

- **20 Volunteer Hours:** Volunteer hours do not need to be within the equine industry.
- **16 Education Hours:** Education hours **MUST** be equine related. Examples of accepted education are:
 - GMO hosted education seminars and clinics
 - Equine related seminars focused on topics such as nutrition, veterinary care, farrier or hoof care, and sports physiology
 - Completion of [USDF Online Courses](#) - must complete and pass quiz (Check with the Youth Programs Liaison regarding number of hours to be calculated for these courses.)
 - USDF University Online and Off-Campus Programs (Check with the Youth Programs Liaison regarding number of hours to be calculated for these courses.)
- **2 Qualifying Scores:** Two scores of 60% or higher at any level in the discipline of Dressage or Para-Dressage, Introductory through Grand Prix.
 - Scores must be from **two different competitions** during the current program year. This means that each score must be earned at a separate show, not two scores from Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend's show. Each show must have a separate competition number.
 - Scores submitted must have been judged by a current USDF L Graduate or USEF Licensed dressage judge.
 - Scores may be from a local (unrecognized) or USDF/USEF recognized show. Examples of local shows include:
 - GMO or farm sponsored Dressage schooling shows
 - Local and National Pony Club Dressage Rallies
 - Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA)
 - **GPA:** Must have a GPA of at least 2.5
 - Submit an **official school transcript** detailing the entire current school year.
 - Exceptions will be considered with documentation of IEP (Individualized Education Program)

Please contact the Youth Programs Liaison at youth@usdf.org or visit the USDF website for more information.



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****Requirements must be completed between July 1 and June 30****

Application and supporting documents must be received at the USDF office within 30 days after the completion of the program year, **no later than July 31.**

USDF Number _____ Region _____ GMO (If applicable) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parent Name _____ Parent E-mail _____

Name of School _____

Grade Level _____ GPA on a _____ point scale

Please include the following items with your application:

- Completed Volunteer Forms verifying your 20 volunteer hours (*signed by the event organizer*).
- Completed Education Forms verifying your 16 hours of equine related education (*signed by the event organizer*).
- Proof of your two qualifying dressage scores from two different shows.
- Official school transcript (certified by the school) detailing *the entire current school year*. If academic scoring is other than A, B, C or 100%, please include an explanation of the scoring system used.
- Recent high-resolution photo suitable for publication

Mail completed application and all required documentation no later than July 31 to:

USDF
Attn: Youth Programs Liaison 4051
Iron Works Parkway Lexington, KY
40511

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