



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF FEI Youth Clinic Series

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RIDER CRITERIA & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Criteria:

- Riders should be 12-21 years of age (competing in FEI Children, Junior, or Young Rider classes). Riders ages 12-14 competing in FEI Pony classes may also apply. Consideration will also be given to U25 riders if space allows.
- Riders must have a current USDF Participating or Life Membership.
- Riders must have a current USEF Active Competing Junior, Senior, or Life Membership.
- Riders do not need to be residents of the Region where the clinic is being held.
- Horses should be no younger than 6, and no older than 20. Exceptions may be approved by USDF.

Application:

- Riders must submit an online [rider application](#), a recent riding video within the past six (6) months, and a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee.
- All applications and videos are due before the published deadline.
- Applicants may be allowed to substitute a horse upon approval by USDF. An additional application and video may be required.

Video Guidelines:

- Applicant's video must show a complete dressage test of the level in which they are currently schooling. The horse in the video must be the horse listed on the application. Please do not submit a training session.
- Videos do not have to be from a horse show or recorded in a regulation size arena.
- The horse and rider must be in clear view, and not too far away from the camera. If the selection committee cannot clearly see the horse and rider, the video will not be accepted. **Please do not submit a cell phone video.**
- Videos should be recorded from the end of the arena at A or C.
- Show attire, braiding, etc. are not required; however, riders must wear protective headgear.
- Videos should be no longer than six (6) minutes in length.
- Declared riders should ride the appropriate Team Test (FEI Pony Riders Team Competition Test, FEI Children Team Competition Test, FEI Juniors Team Test, FEI Young Riders Team Test, FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test).

Payment Information:

- A non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 is due with submission of a rider application.
- If applicant is not selected to ride in the clinic, the \$25.00 can be applied toward auditor registration. At no extra charge, the applicant will receive a weekend auditor pass and will be permitted to attend all theory sessions.
- If an applicant is selected to ride, the \$25.00 will be applied toward their clinic fee. The remaining balance of \$275.00 is required within 48 hours of selection to confirm their spot in the clinic. If the balance is not received in full by the posted deadline, the applicant's slot in the clinic will be offered to the next available applicant. The clinic fee includes two private lessons, theory sessions, lunch both days, and two complimentary auditor passes – one for a guest and one for a coach/trainer. Complimentary auditors are responsible for paying their lunch fees.
- Applicant is responsible for paying additional stabling fees to the facility upon arrival.
- Riders who must cancel after selections have been made will receive a refund, minus the \$25 application fee, only if a replacement rider can be found by USDF. If no replacement is available, the rider will not receive a refund. There will be no refunds for cancellations within one (1) week of the clinic start date without an official veterinary or doctor's letter of excusal.

Selection:

- Rider applications should be received on or before the published deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list and only considered if space is available.
- Applications cannot be evaluated until all required forms and video have been submitted.
- Riders will be selected based upon their riding competency shown in their video as well as their desire to further develop their riding through the youth pipeline.
- Rider's ability will take precedence over the horse/pony's ability.
- Rider's video will take precedence over competition record.
- Riders who have participated in NAYC, Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals or Finals, CDI competitions, or Festival of Champions will be considered.
- In the event a horse shows to be unsound or unfit at the clinic, the clinician may decline to work with the horse. No refunds will be given.