

2017 AMY TRYON YOUNG RIDER'S GRANT APPLICATION

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Donations of Friends and Family in the Memory of Amy Tryon

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BRIEF HISTORY:

The Amy Tryon Young Rider Grant was created in memory of one of our top international riders. Amy Tryon was an icon in our sport. Through her determination and grit, Amy made her way from Northwestern Washington to two Olympics. She was a dedicated, hardworking, and talented rider who started in Pony Club, participated in USEA's Young Riders program, and eventually won an Olympic medal. Amy overcame financial constraints, geographical distance, fulltime employment, and many other roadblocks to accomplish what most people only dream about.

A tenacious, persistent, hardworking, and talented individual, Amy overcame long odds to accomplish the near-impossible. It was to recognize Amy's achievements and the way she inspired others that the Amy Tryon Young Rider was created.

The USEA Foundation established the *Amy Tryon Young Rider Grant* with the contributions from Amy's friends and family. This fund was created to provide direct financial assistance to aspiring event riders participating in the USEA Young Rider programs and who have aspirations of achieving the highest levels of international Eventing. The goal of the Grant is to provide riders with limited financial resources the support they require to prepare and to compete at international three-day events. Riders must display an outstanding work ethic and the tenacity exemplified by Amy Tryon, as well as the potential to achieve a high level of international competition. Assistance is considered for coaching, specialized training, entry fees, living costs for horse and rider, and/or travel.

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The 2017 Amy Tryon Fund Grant is designed to assist riders who require financial assistance to pursue their goal of training for and/or competing in an international event. The Grant is available to riders through the year of their 21st birthday. Riders who have represented the United States on a senior international team are ineligible.

The Amy Tryon Fund Committee has been assembled and will be tasked with evaluating applications and awarding Grants.

We ask that all applications adhere to the following guidelines.

GUIDELINES:

1. *The application must be emailed to your Area Young Rider Coordinator by October 8th.*
The application should be typed.
2. Applicants should include a letter of recommendation from your coach or someone who is familiar with your riding career. The letter should address your competitive potential, pursuit of competitive goals, and the individual's relationship with the person writing the letter. These letters must accompany your application. No letters will be accepted individually from the grant applicant.
3. You may include additional information, i.e., event results, newspaper or trade publication articles. *The application must be emailed in the following order:*
 1. Application Form
 2. Letters of recommendation
 3. Additional support materials
 4. Links to competition videos of you in all three phases: dressage, cross-country and show jumping.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

1. Any application arriving after the due date.
2. Any incomplete application.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

This Grant is restricted to individuals that meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen who must have successfully completed either a CIC1*, Classic preliminary three-day event, or Intermediate horse trials.
2. Applicant must be able to document a successful competitive record; also must show involvement with USEA Area Young Rider program.
3. Applicant must have horse/horses available to them for the purpose of competing that, as a combination with the applicant, has proven ability to compete at the intermediate level and above.
4. Applicant must provide a written eventing program detailing competing at a CCI** or an international three-day event of a higher degree of difficulty.
5. Applicant must be between 16 - 21 years of age.

**2017 AMY TRYON YOUNG RIDER'S GRANT
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Please TYPE the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Birth Date _____

Phones: Day _____ Evening _____

Years competing in horse trials and three-day events _____

Have you received a grant from USEA or USEF previously? _____ Yes
_____ No

How much was the amount of your grant? \$ _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Please respond to the following questions. You may use additional sheets of paper if necessary:

1. What are your competitive accomplishments in horse trials and three-day events? Of these accomplishments within the USEA, which one was the most important to you? Explain.
2. What are your competitive goals? Detail a program aimed at competing in a CCI** or an international three-day event of a higher degree of difficulty.
3. Expense information PER YEAR.
Please explain how you are currently funding your riding.
 - What is your average annual cost to support your horse?
 - What is your average annual amount spent on training costs and/or clinics?
 - What are your annual entry fees and travel costs?
 - What is your source of funding? Parents? Part time job? Etc.
 - Other expenses?
4. How would the Amy Tryon Fund Grant specifically contribute to your goals? Please keep in mind that the use of these funds must be documented. This Grant is not to be used to pay pre-existing expenses.
5. Is there anything that you would like people to know about you that hasn't been covered in the answers above?