

Grant Program Revisited

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The IDCTA Board of Directors is updating the past Grant Program for its membership. We are very excited with this program and hope that more IDCTA members begin sending in applications for upcoming clinics - whether IDCTA, USEA, USDF or USEF.

As before the funds may be used for tuition only. IDCTA members can qualify every two years. To qualify, clinics must be with trainers from greater than 100 miles from the Chicagoland area. The clinics must be produced by IDCTA, USEA, USDF, USEF or must be an approved clinic. In return, IDCTA asks that the recipient of the grant write a detailed article about the clinic for the next *Scribe*. The article should be one typed page and may include photographs.

Other qualifications are as follows: an applicant must be a member in good standing of the IDCTA for a minimum of six months of the time the clinic is to be held. An application and copy of the clinic entry form must be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to the opening date of the clinic. This will allow the Board of Directors enough time to review and vote on the applicant's request at the next board meeting.

One grant per clinic may be awarded. Not every qualified clinic will be awarded a grant. The main factors that will be considered when grants are applied for are contributions to the club in the way of volunteer hours - **a minimum of 5 hours in the past calendar year**. Past riding experience will also be considered, but showing history will not be a factor.

The amount of money per clinic will be \$200.00 or the cost of the clinic tuition, whichever is less. The grant funds may only be used for the clinics the applicant anticipates participating in as a rider and not an auditor.

Money received may not be used for stabling, hauling or other associated expenses, other than the cost of the clinic tuition. Grant money may vary each year depending on the amount available, number of qualified applicants, and will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Money not used in a given year will be rolled over to the next year.

In cases where the grant recipient does not participate in the requested clinic or an article is not submitted within a month of participating in the clinic. The money given shall be returned to the IDCTA immediately. This will allow the money to be used for another applicant.

All grant applicants will be notified of the decision by phone or email after the board has voted. Checks will be mailed to the applicants only after the *Scribe* article has been received.

Grant Application

Name: _____ IDCTA Number: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (if under 18) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail address: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Owner _____

Clinic & location: _____

Do you have a regular trainer? Yes No

If yes, who? _____ How long? _____

Frequency of Lessons: _____

What discipline do you ride? _____

What are your riding goals? _____

What other clinics have you ridden in the past 12 months? _____

What contributions have you made to the IDCTA in the last 12 months? _____

What future contributions do you plan to make? _____

Send Application and a copy of the clinic entry form at least 60 days prior to opening date to:

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