Scholarship Application

The NEDA Scholarship Program provides specific educational opportunities to members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to and/or excellence in the sport, as well as service and ambassadorship for NEDA.

CATEGORIES & AMOUNTS:

- **Professionals** up to $3000 (or for an applicant requesting assistance for an International level education opportunity, the Committee may award up to $4,000).
- **Competing Amateurs** up to $2000
- **Non-Competing Amateurs** up to $2000
- **Junior/Young Riders** up to $1000
- **Breeders** up to $2000
- **Sally Davenport Award** for L Program applicants (specific award in amounts listed above)

Professional, Amateur and Junior/Young Rider definitions use USEF rules.

APPLICANT STATUS: Applicants must be 14 years of age or older, U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents having a Green Card, and current members in good standing of NEDA. Previous scholarship winners may re-apply every four years, with their volunteer work considered for the most recent 4 years only.

REVIEW DATES & PROCESS: Applications must be received by **June 1st and November 1st** and must be used within 1 year of awarding. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and decisions will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. All review discussion will be confidential and decisions are final. Letters of Agreement specifically outlining expectations will be sent to all recipients.

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS: Programs must have a stated objective and goal, a defined beginning and end, and must be for the specific purpose of advancing the individual’s dressage skills, knowledge, or experience. If for professional advancement, programs must be for the betterment or advancement of the individual’s standing in the dressage community, rather than simple maintenance of present status (example: the purpose can be to attend an USEF seminar to move from one judging level to the next, but not to attend a clinic required to maintain one’s card.) Recipients of awards agree to contribute knowledge and experience gained through the scholarship to other NEDA members after completion of their program. Previous scholarship winners can apply for additional scholarship money every four years. Their volunteer work will be looked at specifically for what they did during that 4-year period that was not required for the original scholarship.

ALLOWED EXPENSES: The specific educational expenses include, but are not limited to, seminars, workshops, clinics or training programs offered by recognized or certified instructors/clinicians. Personal expenses incurred for travel, meals and transportation are not included.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the individual upon return of signed Letter of Agreement. Any funds awarded but not spent to achieve the application goal within 1 year must be returned to NEDA. Specific evidence of payment (receipts, canceled checks, etc.) must be submitted to the NEDA Treasurer.
PRISCILLA ENDICOTT AWARD

Priscilla Endicott established NEDA in 1972 with the primary purpose of actively supporting the sport of Dressage and promoting exceptional educational opportunities. In light of this commitment, Priscilla’s family established a fund starting in 2020 to support an exceptional candidate’s efforts to further their Dressage education. NEDA cannot express how appreciative the organization is for this opportunity to enhance the scholarship program for our membership.

What we’ve often heard is that NEDA scholarships, while helpful and certainly appreciated by all, don’t necessarily support certain goals and programs that have higher costs associated with them. This scholarship provides an exceptional applicant with additional funds to be used not only for educational purposes but also for expenses related to travel, living, transportation, etc. The application will require the applicant to tell us how likely they would be to pursue their goals without financial assistance. The Priscilla Endicott Scholarship is awarded as an add-on to the current scholarship amounts.

The Endicott award of $4000.00 will be given once a year in the fall. All those who have applied for a NEDA scholarship and are qualified within the calendar year will be eligible. If the committee deems another applicant equally qualified, they may divide the award at their discretion.

CRITERIA

The Priscilla Endicott award will be available to applicants in all NEDA Scholarship categories listed above as long as they meet the following additional qualifications and requirements:

+ The applicant must be a NEDA member in good standing for a minimum of five years and active volunteer supporting the sport of Dressage.
+ The applicant must have completed a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering for NEDA.
+ The committee will base their decision most heavily on the applicants stated goals, the proposed way to give back to NEDA and the likelihood that the applicant could achieve the goal without financial help.
+ The awardee is expected to reach out to the Scholarship Chair upon completion with a concrete plan supporting their intended contribution to NEDA.

Remember, if eligible, you must apply for the Priscilla Endicott scholarship in addition to the regular scholarship in the same year to receive consideration. Qualifying applications (spring and fall) will be considered in the fall. We thank Priscilla and her family for their continued generosity and their support of the aspiring riders in our sport!

Completed applications and accompanying materials and references may be submitted two ways, US mail or electronic. Please include a cover letter, indicating what materials have been submitted.

US MAIL:
Amy Bresky, Scholarship Chair
mid Oct – mid May: 3403 Youngs Rd.
Southern Pines, NC 28387
mid May – mid Oct: 125 Highfield Dr.
W. Windsor, VT 05089

ELECTRONIC (preferred):
scholarships@neda.org

QUESTIONS?
Contact: Amy Bresky, Scholarship Chair
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NEW ENGLAND DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For (be sure to check all that apply):

___ NEDA Scholarship (complete application below)

___ Priscilla Endicott Award (requires a separate letter in addition to application)
   (awarded once a year in the fall but may apply at any time of year)

I am applying as a (check one, plus Sally Davenport award, if applicable):

___ Professional   ___ Competing Amateur   ___ Non-Competing Amateur   ___ Junior/YR   ___ Breeder

___ Sally Davenport Award (for L Program – does not require a separate application)

Please answer all questions completely with details. If you need more room, attach separate sheets to the application. Identify each additional sheet with your name and question #. List N/A for any section not applicable (example: show record for Non-Competing Amateur).

Name: _____________________________________________  E-mail: ______________________________

Full Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________________________

NEDA member since (date) ________ .                  ___ US Citizen or  ___ Permanent resident with Green Card

Other Association Memberships: _____________________________________________________________

1. Describe volunteer activities for NEDA – List specific events, jobs and dates:

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2. Describe your volunteer activities for groups outside of NEDA:

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3. Other grants, scholarships or financial awards received (including past NEDA scholarships:

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4. (Adult Amateurs/Junior/YRs only) # of times you ride per week and what clinics/lessons you have had:

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5. Describe your competition experience:

Level regularly competed ________________________ Results ________________________

Highest level competed _________________________ Results ________________________

CDIs _________________________________________ Results ________________________
6. Where do you normally compete? (List competitions)

Locally: __________________________________________________________________________________

Regionally: ______________________________________________________________________________

Nationally: ____________________________________ Internationally: _________________________________

7. Completion of any USDF performance designations? (Qualified Rider, Medals, National Rankings, etc. - list date of completion)

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8. List any awards or recognition you have received as a result of your riding, teaching including (if appropriate) successes of your horses and/or students. Specify levels and dates:

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9. Describe in a much detail as possible, your specific goal and your reason for applying for a scholarship at this point in time:

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Name and location of Program/Instructor/Trainer:

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10. Will this lead to new or increased professional designation? Describe:

________________________________________________________________________________________

11. What is the specific time frame during which you wish to pursue your goal:

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12. How would you be able to transfer the knowledge and expertise you wish to gain to your fellow NEDA members? Describe what specific contribution you wish to make to NEDA and its membership in consideration for the awarding of a scholarship (examples: writing articles, mounted clinics, seminars, workshops, demonstrations):

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Budget: Attach a complete budget for your goal. Though NEDA scholarships cover expenses for training/education only, we ask for a submission of total anticipated expenses to help us determine levels of commitment, your resources available, etc. Include a breakdown of all costs, personal, travel, living, training/instruction for you and your horse(s) and list the amount you are requesting from NEDA.

References: Please attach Letters of Reference, two for you personally and two from those who can attest to your riding, teaching and/or training abilities. Do not use persons whose instruction you plan to use with your scholarship funds. References must be signed hard copy, which can be scanned and e-mailed if desired.

Junior/Young Rider Applicants only: Attach a list of any activities you are or have been involved in that you would like us to know about that demonstrate some of your strengths, such as: Scholastic achievements, leadership, community involvement, teamwork, working student positions, horse management responsibilities, Pony Club or 4-H involvement, etc.
**Priscilla Endicott Scholarship:** This additional scholarship provides an exceptional applicant with additional funds to be used not only for educational purposes but also for expenses related to travel, living, transportation, etc. If you wish to apply for this scholarship, describe how likely you would be to pursue your goals without financial assistance on a separate piece of paper. Any applicant may submit with applications reviewed in the fall.

*I am applying to the New England Dressage Association for the specific scholarship purposes outlined above. I recognize that the Selection Committee may request additional verification as well as a personal interview. I also recognize that part of my responsibility as a recipient will be to be a goodwill ambassador, not only for myself but for the sport and art of dressage and NEDA as my sponsor.*

Signature________________________________________________  Date __________________________