



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2017 USHJA FOUNDATION GOCHMAN FAMILY GRANT for the US Pony Finals presented by Collecting Gaits Farm

OVERVIEW

The US Pony Finals presented by Collecting Gaits Farm* is a rite of passage for many riders who begin in the hunter/jumper sport at a young age. The competition is not just another competition; it offers educational opportunities and chances for young riders to develop friendships and connections that will follow them throughout their participation in this sport.

Given this event's longstanding benefits to our young USHJA members, the USHJA Foundation is offering up to three annual grants to young riders, who exemplify the qualities that are most important in our sport – sportsmanship, tenacity, and horsemanship and can demonstrate a financial inability to afford the expense of going to the US Pony Finals, to go to the US Pony Finals.

The grant is not strictly monetary in nature but rather experience-based. The grant recipient(s) will receive an opportunity to compete at Pony Finals and will be provided an appropriate pony if one is needed.

This grant aims to inspire young riders to embrace this sport at the earliest age and encourage them to continue growing as equestrians is graciously supported by Becky and David Gochman and family.

APPLICATION/NOMINATIONS

Any USHJA member, parent or friend may apply or submit a nomination on behalf of a USHJA member. Individuals may nominate themselves with signed parental consent. Each application/nomination must include:

- Video of the applicant/nominee riding over a hunter course at a minimum fence height of 2'3"
- If this is a nomination include a personal letter describing the nominee, how you know them, and why they are deserving of this award. A personal letter is not required for applicants nominating themselves.
- A completed application/nomination form
- Three, one-page letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, coaches or trainers and/or those you reported to during your community service. Letters should detail your background, achievements, examples of leadership and community involvement. One letter must be from the applicant/nominee's trainer and at least one from a USHJA member. Letters from relatives or form letters will not be accepted.
- The applicant/nominee may be interviewed during the application process by a USHJA Foundation Board member
- Document financial need; accepted documents include: FAFSA and most recent tax return
(Note: All financial information is kept confidential for review only by the USHJAF Review Panel)

Nominations are due by April 1, 2017.

**USEF is not involved in the formation or execution of this grant.*

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be informed of the Board's decision related to their application before the end of June. An individual may receive the grant only once. All financial information is kept confidential. Nomination forms are available on the USHJA Foundation website (www.ushjafoundation.org).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Any USHJA member in good standing who did not reach their 18th birthday on December 1 of the current competition year
- ✓ Has not participated in Pony Finals previously
- ✓ Can demonstrate financial need

**** PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY. APPLICATIONS THAT CONTAIN MORE INFORMATION THAN REQUESTED OR ARE INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USHJAF NO LATER THAN
April 1, 2017**

Please return completed application to:

USHJA Foundation
Attention: Gochman Family Grant
3870 Cigar Lane
Lexington, KY 40511
foundation@ushja.org



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APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2017

Applicant (person nominating): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Business: _____

Email: _____

Are you: Applicant Trainer Parent Friend Other: _____

USHJA member: Yes Member # _____ No

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

USHJA member: Yes Member # _____ No

Date of Birth: _____ Nominee Parents' Names (if nominee is under 18): _____

Parent's Phone: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Has the nominee ever participated in Pony Finals? Yes Year _____ No

Does the nominee have or anticipate having a qualified pony to bring to Pony Finals? Yes No

About the Nominee:

Please answer the following questions to help us in the grant decision-making process:

1. Does the applicant/nominee have personal, family, student/client or business relationship with any USHJA employee, member of the USHJA Foundation Board of Directors or USHJA Board of Directors, or major donor to the USHJA Foundation? Yes Please explain below. No

2. Describe how long the applicant/nominee has been riding, his or her current riding level, and any recent accomplishments within the hunter/jumper sport.

3. Does the applicant/nominee currently compete at hunter/jumper competitions? If so, please note how often and whether the nominee primarily shows at local, regional or national competitions.

4. Should the applicant/nominee receive this grant, please have the applicant express what attending the US Pony Finals experience means to them?

5. What else would you like us to know about the nominee?

6. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Three, one-page letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, coaches or trainers and/or those you reported to during your community service. Letters should detail your background, achievements, examples of leadership and community involvement. One letter must be from the applicant/nominee's trainer and at least one from a USHJA member. Letters from relatives or form letters will not be accepted.

7. FINANCIAL NEED:

Document financial need; accepted documents include: FAFSA and most recent tax return (Note: All financial information is kept confidential for review only by the USHJA Foundation Review Panel)

I verify that the information contained in this nomination is true and correct and I acknowledge and understand that any misstatements may result in my nomination being eliminated from consideration. I acknowledge and understand that the acceptance of this nomination for consideration for this grant remains the sole discretion of the USHJA Foundation.

I acknowledge that if my child/self is approved for this grant, USHJA and/or USHJA Foundation reserve the sole right to control, sell, supervise, assign (or assign to others) the right to use broadcast, televise, reproduce, transmit or disseminate all or part of this zone grant program. I further grant to USHJA and/or USHJAF the right to make use of any photographs, film or video taken or submitted of my child/self as part of the program for media and editorial purposes in promotion of the program and sport, excepting the endorsement of any product, company or service.

Please be advised: *The typing of your name below shall be considered an electronic signature and shall be considered to have the same legal effect and validity as your handwritten signature. Therefore, in so typing your name in the fields below, you are confirming this verification statement and the truth of the contents of the nomination. Further, an accepted applicant will be required to complete additional liability waivers upon grant approval.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS FORM:

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- A completed nomination form
- Three letters of reference from individuals the applicant/nominee knows well, including the rider's trainer, one USHJA member and contact information for each (*Note: Letters of reference from relatives will not be accepted.*)
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