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**JT TALLON MEMORIAL EQUITATION GRANT  
APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

USHJA Member: Yes  Member # \_\_\_\_\_ No  US Citizen: Yes  No

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Name(s) (if applicant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions to help us in the grant decision-making process. You may answer in a separate typed document if preferred.**

1. Do you have personal, family, student/client or business relationship with any USHJA employee, member of the USHJA Foundation or USHJA Board of Directors, or major donor to the USHJA Foundation? Yes  No  If you answered Yes, please explain below.

2. Which National Equitation Final(s) are you planning to attend?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you qualified yet?  YES  NO

If you have not qualified yet, please indicate the total points required to qualify, the points you have accrued on the date this application was completed, and your plan for qualifying.

3. Riding History: Describe how long you have been riding, your current riding level, how often you compete, and the types of shows you compete in.

4. What do you consider your greatest riding accomplishment?

5. Why do you feel that attending National Equitation Finals will help you achieve your long and short term goals, both in and out of the arena?

6. **SHORT ESSAY (250-500 Words):** Preparing for a National Equitation Final takes many months. Explain how you have prepared your horse for this moment.

7. This grant is designed to help USHJA members that have limited financial resources. From a monetary perspective, explain the impact that this grant will have on your ability to compete at a national equitation championship.

8. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Please attach **three** one-page letters of recommendation from active USHJA members. Letters should detail your background, achievements, examples of leadership, and community involvement. Letters from relatives will not be accepted. Please, no form letters.

*I verify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and I acknowledge and understand that any misstatements may result in my application being eliminated from consideration. I acknowledge and understand that the acceptance of this application 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 Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
*This grant is applicable to select national equitation finals only. The following equitation finals are **not** eligible for funding through this grant: Pony Medals; Adult/Amateur Medals; USHJA Hunterdon Cup; Maclay Regionals; Any State or Regional Medal; Any Medal that Does Not Have a Qualifying Process. List of eligible equitation finals below.*

### **ELIGIBLE EQUITATION FINALS:**

#### **3'6"+ National Finals**

- Dover Saddlery/USEF Hunter Seat Medal
- ASPCA Maclay Horsemanship Class
- Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search - East and West
- Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund/Washington International Horse Show Equitation Finals
- Marshall & Sterling Junior Medal Finals
- National PHA Medal

#### **3'+ National Finals**

- Taylor Harris National Children's Medal Finals
- Marshall & Sterling Children's Medal Finals
- Hamel Foundation National Horse Show 3'3" Equitation Championship
- USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals - East and West

## **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- USHJA Active Member in good standing
- U.S. Citizen and/or legal permanent resident
- Junior Rider that competes on a horse (*pony riders are not eligible for this grant*)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Proof of qualification for one of the eligible national equitation finals (listed above) with a fence height of 3' or higher.

## **COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

- Fully completed and signed application form.
- Copy of most recent FAFSA application or tax return. *Parents' tax return accepted for riders who have not yet filed a FAFSA application.*
- Three one-page letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, coaches or trainers. Letters should detail your background, achievements, examples of leadership and community involvement. *Letters from relatives will not be accepted. Please, no form letters.*
- Current video of applicant riding over an equitation course at a minimum height of 3'. (*YouTube video link preferred.*)

Mail, Fax, or Email your complete application to:

USHJA Foundation  
Attn: J.T. Tallon Memorial Equitation Grant  
3870 Cigar Lane, Lexington, KY 40511  
Fax: (859) 225-6723 | Email: [foundation@ushja.org](mailto:foundation@ushja.org)

Application and all supporting documentation must be received by **11:59 pm on August 1, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please email us at [foundation@ushja.org](mailto:foundation@ushja.org) or call Kate Cattani at (732) 979-7262 during regular business hours.