



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

USHJA FOUNDATION J.T. TALLON MEMORIAL EQUITATION GRANT

The J.T. Tallon Memorial Equitation Grant was developed by friends and family of the late, J.T. Tallon, a Lexington, Virginia horseman and USHJA member who dedicated his career to equestrian sport for over 40 years. Each year, the USHJA Foundation will grant \$1,000 to one junior rider who has qualified for a national equitation championship at a fence height of 3' or higher.*

Tallon was dedicated to helping riders excel in the equitation arena. He was part of a group that founded the Southwest Virginia Hunter Jumper Association; he led the Southern Seminary for Women to IHSA championship victory eight times; and the Randolph Macon Woman's College won three championships under his leadership as equestrian director.

Sue Tallon and Barbara Bays initiated the concept and spearheaded fundraising efforts to make this grant possible. Its purpose is to honor Tallon's commitment to encouraging excellence in the equitation arena by inspiring junior riders with a passion for equitation to pursue their goals. Through this grant, juniors with limited financial means who have qualified for a national equitation final are provided the support they need to attend.

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
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Fax: (859) 225-6723 | Email: 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 or call Kate Cattani at (732) 979-7262 during regular business hours.