

### Overview

The US Trotting Association, the breed registry for the Standardbred horse, is excited to recognize and reward those who are competing with their registered Standardbred in eventing.

The United States Eventing Association (USEA) currently has two programs that the USTA recognizes accomplishments in:

- 1) The **Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement** that recognizes a horse & rider team who have completed at least 3 events at Starter Level through Beginner Novice level during the same competition year.
- 2) The **Blue Ribbon Award** recognizes a horse & rider team who has three top 3 placings at the same level (Starter through Advanced) during the same competition year.

Any Standardbred recognized for their accomplishments with either the Certificate or Blue Ribbon Award will not only receive their award from USEA but is also eligible for funding from the USTA to be used for further eventing training.

After the award/certificate has been announced/received from USEA, the owner/rider should fill out the attached application to apply for their stipend to be used for further eventing training. This can be used for lessons or training with a professional trainer or participation in a clinic.

### Available Funding

The USTA will award a stipend of up to \$150 for each award earned from the USEA to use for eventing training or a clinic. If the horse is enrolled in the USTA's Standardbred Incentive Program and has at least 2 placings submitted during the show season the award was earned, the applicant will receive an additional \$50, for a total \$200 stipend. The stipend is to be used towards an eventing clinic, lessons or training with a professional trainer.

### Requirements

A copy of the certificate or a photo of the award received must accompany the application.

If the stipend is to be used for a clinic, a copy of the clinic flyer, Facebook post or other promotional material for the clinic must accompany the application.

If the stipend is to be used for lessons or for sending your horse for training, a copy of the trainer's rates must accompany the application.

### Cancellation

If the clinic or lesson is canceled or rescheduled for any reason, applicant must notify the USTA.

### Payment

The USTA will pay the trainer/clinician directly. If applicant has pre-paid, proof of payment must be submitted with the application so the stipend can be made payable to the applicant.

### Approval

Submission of this application does not equate to approval of funding. The USTA reserves the right to approve or reject the application based on funding availability, award verification, trainer approval and any other means.

### Questions?

Any questions about the eventing stipend from the USTA can be directed to:

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# Eventing Clinic/Training Application

## A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USTA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone, circle type: cell home work \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USTA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Award Received from USEA: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. CLINICIAN/TRAINER INFORMATION

Clinician/Trainer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clinic or Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. FUNDING REQUEST

Date of Clinic/Training Session: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost of Clinic/Training Session: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Requested from USTA: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Full cost or up to \$150 (\$200 if enrolled in SIP) per award received from USEA. Copy of the clinic flyer or trainer rate sheet must be included.*

Check One: ☐ Send the check payable to clinic/trainer  
☐ I have already paid for my session, send check payable to me (proof of payment required)

## D. SIGNATURE & SUBMISSION

*I hereby apply for funding from the USTA for continuing education/training in eventing with the horse listed above. If the clinic/training session is canceled for any reason, I will notify the USTA.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Submit this cover form and supporting materials via mail, email or fax listed below. Once the application is received, an email confirmation will be sent; if you have not received an email confirmation, your submission was not received.*



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