

HELLS ANGEL OFF THE TRACK THOROUGHBRED GRANT IN EDUCATION

Competition history and level of riding is not the influential factor in determining who receives the grant. Commitment to the advancement of the OTTB as an appropriate, respectable and safe riding partner for the adult amateur will hold the most merit. See question number 5 for specific details.

TO QUALIFY

This grant is for American bred Thoroughbreds who have raced at least one time, in any country. This grant is available to adult amateurs (over age 25) living in any USA region riding at any level. Applicants must be members of a USDF GMO, or a recognized hunter/jumper association, or a recognized eventing association. Applicants can be from any English riding discipline, but grant money must be applied towards dressage instruction from a dressage instructor. One applicant will be selected to receive the \$250.00 grant.

GRANT TO BE APPLIED FOR INSTRUCTION BY:

- any nationally licensed dressage judge
- any certified instructor through the USDF, USEA, Pony Club, British Horse Society, or ARIA
- any college graduate with a degree or certification in riding instruction.

2009 APPLICATION

1. How did you acquire your OTTB? How did your OTTB transition into a dressage, hunter/jumper or eventing partner?
2. What are your OTTBs best qualities? What traits do you possess that help you enjoy the process of rehabilitating and retraining an OTTB?
3. What famous Thoroughbred in history has inspired you and why?
4. Which rider of OTTBs, either past or present, has inspired you and why?
5. How have you given back to the Thoroughbred rescue and rehabilitation industry? Activities can include volunteer work at an OTTB rescue organization, volunteer work at an OTTB charity show, establishing an award or award program for OTTBs, volunteer work at an OTTB lay-up facility, etc. If you are not sure that your activity qualifies, contact lrasmuson@comcast.net. When completing the application, list the name, phone number and email of a contact who can verify your work.
6. Describe how you plan on using the money. Be specific. Give the name of the trainer you will work with. Include a letter from the trainer verifying that they have accepted you and your OTTB for training.
7. Also submit a letter of recommendation from your regular riding instructor. In this letter include the length of time you have spent in her/his lesson program and how often this person instructs you. Also include who does the majority of the riding and competing of the OTTB. Grant money will only be award to an adult amateur who does the majority of the riding and competing. Include the instructors phone number or email, as the instructor may be contacted for verification.
8. Applicants are required to submit photos of training and a write-up of their experiences.
9. Applicants must submit a copy of their horses Jockey Club papers and race record. If you do not have your horse's Jockey Club papers, then a copy of the race record is sufficient.
10. Please submit copies of your USDF, hunter/jumper or eventing association card.

ENTRY CLOSE DATE

Applications to be postmarked no later than November 30. The grant winner will be notified by January 31.

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION TO

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ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA EMAIL AT lrasmuson@comcast.net