



Vicki Mears Educational & Training Grant

The Vicki Mears Educational and Training Grant is a fund to be awarded annually to LPSDC members who have a desire to further their partnership with their horse, and to create educational opportunities for the horse and rider pair in the dressage discipline. Awards will generally range from \$250 - 300 and will be awarded amongst selected recipients throughout the year.

This grant is open year-round to LPSDC members only

CRITERIA:

- * Current Member of LPSDC and in good standing
- * Applicant must also volunteer a minimum of 10 hours at the **LPSDC shows** throughout the qualifying year.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete the application form.
2. Please include the following information:

Name, date of birth, address, phone, email, LPSDC Membership # and what division you compete (Open, Adult Amateur, JR/Young Rider).

3. Write an essay explaining:
 - What activity(s) are you planning to use the grant funds for?
 - How have you been involved with the LPSDC including both participating in club activities and volunteering if applicable.
 - What equestrian organizations are you involved in and what volunteering have you done within your horse community?
 - What are your short term and long-term goals as a LPSDC member?

Note: Essays can (but are not required to) express financial need

The application must be emailed to webmaster@lpsdc.net.

SELECTION:

Applications are to be evaluated by a LPSDC panel of peers. Club involvement and previous volunteering hours will be considered for each applicant. New members please include your plans on how you will be involved with club activities or volunteering. The panel will be familiar with dressage, but not necessarily a competitor, rider, or Instructor. A panel member cannot be a relative of the applicant or involved with the applicant as an instructor or coach. The recipient/s will be notified within 30 days of the application date. LPSDC has the right to limit how many applications it approves each year and varies depending on the amount of funds available.

IF YOU ARE SELECTED, HERE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF FUNDS:

- * Recipients must keep an accounting journal/log of their expenses incl. receipts for lessons, clinics, etc.
- * An article must be written by the recipient expressing what the grant accomplished for them by December 1. Article must be ready for publication anywhere LPSDC deems fit for publication. Funds can be used for training, clinics, or shows in the local area, including LPSDC shows.

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E-mail packet (essay + application) email to: webmaster@lpsdc.net

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

LPSDC Member #: _____

Please identify the types of shows you plan to ride in this year:

LPSDC shows

"A" Recognized shows

Clinic/Other: _____

All applicants are required to write a brief essay. On a separate page, please state:

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Note: LPSDC has the right to disburse funds *AFTER* an event for which they were intended, if insufficient time to do so in advance.