



Jacqueline B. Mars National Competition and Training Grants
Grant Criteria and Application Timeline
Spring 2025 Grant

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The Jacqueline B. Mars Competition and Training Grants are awarded annually by the USET Foundation. The Jacqueline B. Mars Grant aims to support the Eventing Pathway Program's goal of sustainable success on the world stage. Specifically, these grants are designed to assist athlete/horse combinations to achieve Pre-Elite or Elite Program criteria. The grants will support athlete/horse combinations already competing at the 4* level with the perceived potential to achieve Pre-Elite or Elite status within the next 12 months (Pre-Elite and Elite Program criteria can be found [HERE](#)).

The goal of the grant is to provide training and competition resources for athletes who have never competed on an Eventing Olympics or FEI World Championships Team and have earned, via results and potential, the opportunity to travel to another part of the country with the National grant.

Application Timeline:

- Application opens on February 12, 2025
- Application closes on April 11, 2025

Application Criteria:

There is one (1) \$6,000.00 grant available for an athlete to participate in a training opportunity and/or prepare for and attend a competition, or series of competitions, that are more than 1,000 miles round trip from their U.S. home base this spring. Eligible competitions must occur in the U.S. during the months of March, April, or May and include:

- Bouckaert Farm CCI4*-S – March 6-9, 2025
- Carolina International CCI4*-S – March 12-16, 2025
- Terranova CCI4*-S – March 27-30, 2025
- Galway Downs CCI4*-S – March 27-30, 2025
- Stable View CCI4*-S – April 4-5, 2025
- Twin Rivers CCI4*-S – April 10-13, 2025
- Ocala International CCI4*-S – April 17-20, 2025
- K3DE CCI4*-S / CCI5*-L – April 22-27, 2025
- Tryon International CCI4*-S / CCI4*-L – May 7-11, 2025

If a U.S. athlete is currently based in Europe, they are eligible to apply for this grant for continued training in Europe, or for traveling to one of the U.S. competitions outlined above.

Additional Criteria:

- The athlete has not competed on an Eventing Olympics or FEI World Championships Team.
- The athlete must be a U.S. citizen.
- The athlete must be an active Competing Member of the USEF and in good standing from the time of application through the conclusion of the event.
- The athlete/horse combinations must meet minimum FEI requirements for the relevant event per Article 520 of the current FEI Eventing Regulations.

If there is not an eligible applicant, the applicable grant will roll into the next application period.

