

Grants Criteria for 2024

The VSC will review and award general grants for Junior, 2* Young Vaulters and Senior vaulters to compete in USEF events and Domestic and Foreign CVI's. Major invitational competitions such as The World Cup, Aachen and the World Championships funds are allocated directly by the Vaulting Sport Committee based on competitors funding tier, no application is required to receive these funds. If there are sufficient funds, requests for foreign training grants may be approved for athletes to travel to Europe to train and select horses during the season.

Qualification:

Individual vaulters, Squads and PDD that meet the current minimum scores criteria will be eligible for these grants. The minimum scores are aligned with the Pathways Developing and Elite criteria found on the USEF website. These are:

	Juniors/2* Young		Seniors	
	Developing	Elite	Developing	Elite
Individuals	7.0	7.6	7.1	8.0
PDD	7.0	7.6	7.5	8.1
Squad	6.5	7.0	6.8	7.7

The vaulters' classification (Developing or Elite) will be based on the vaulters' scores 4 weeks before the start of the competition or training dates for which they are requesting the grant.

- If a vaulter's classification changes (i.e. Developing to Elite) after they apply but prior to the competition or training dates, the grant amount can be adjusted to the higher amount if brought to the attention of the Vaulting Sport Committee.

The committee will also consider grant applications from vaulters who have earned only one or no Pathways score, as well. Applicants with one or no qualifying scores will be considered individually based on current scores received in the US and any International competition(s).

Applicable Events:

Any domestic CVI or USEF event more than 500 miles from the vaulter's registered club or foreign CVIs. Training grants for travel to Europe may be available depending on funding resources available for the year. If a vaulter is residing in Europe to receive CVI funding the event must be 500 miles away from the club they are training with while in Europe.

Grant Amounts:

The VSC has an annual fixed budget for grants, this amount may vary year to year. Grants will be reviewed and awarded in order of receipt until the grant funds have been

spent. In years where funding is in short supply the Vaulting Sport Committee may limit vaulters to no more than 3 grants.

For Juniors, 2* Young Vaulters and Seniors, grants will be awarded as follows:

	Developing	Elite
Individuals	\$1,000	\$3,000
PDD	\$1,500	\$4,500
Squad	\$3,000	\$9,000

Additionally, vaulters who earn an elite score at any foreign CVI may be awarded an additional \$500 per CVI. (Vaulters must request this additional funding by submitting their scores to Michelle McQueen mmcqueen@usef.org within 30 days of the competition date.)

Other Criteria:

Vaulters may only be funded for two events per competition. If the vaulter is on a squad, the funding will be for the squad plus one additional event.

Applicants that meet the stated criteria for developing and elite will be approved on a rolling basis by the Grants Subcommittee. Applicants with zero or one Pathways scores will be considered individually by the Vaulting Sports Committee at their next scheduled meeting.

Application:

The application and annual Grants Criteria will be posted on the USEF website, announced by email (USEF vaulting membership) and sent out via the EVUSA Blast.

Application Deadline:

Vaulters are encouraged to submit grant applications as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed and awarded in the order that they are received. Applications must be completed with all requested information to be considered, if information is missing your application will be returned to you and reconsidered when submitted with all required information. You may apply for a grant post travel if travel is for the current competition year. If the applicant is a minor, a parent or guardian must provide an email for all official correspondence received from the USEF. There is no deadline for requesting grants but once a grant is awarded there is a timeframe to provide the USEF with the required information, if not received within that timeframe the funds allocated will go back into the pool for reallocation.