

USEF General Grant Criteria for 2025

USEF general grants are made available each year for our competitive international vaulters. Grants may be given for a variety of expenses including travel, horse rental or clinician fees, but are intended to encourage vaulters to train and compete abroad. The Grants sub-committee of the VSC reviews and awards general grants submitted by Pathways vaulters in the order they are received. Note funds may take several months to receive.

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.

Qualification:

Individuals, Pas de Deux and Squads that meet the current minimum scoring criteria will be eligible for the general 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	7.5	8.0
PDD	7.0	7.6	7.5	8.1
Squad	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.5

A 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 may be adjusted to the higher amount if brought to the attention of the Vaulting Sport Committee.

The committee may 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 for a General Grant:

Any domestic CVI or designated USEF observation event more than 500 miles from the vaulter's registered club or any foreign CVI. If a vaulter is residing in Europe to receive CVI funding the event must be 500 miles from the club they are training with while in Europe.

General 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 the number of grants that can be received.

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 on an individual basis by the sub-committee and may or may not receive funding.

Horse Transportation Grants:

Some years funding may be available to help in transporting horses either from the US or other European countries to the World Championships. Priority will be given to horses being transported from the US but any vaulter selected to represent the US may apply for these funds using the same application used for General Grants. These applications must be received prior to the World Championships and will be reviewed the week after the completion of the World Championships and funds will be distributed post competition.

Application:

The application and annual General 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 (this date will be listed on your official Grant letter from the USEF), if not received within that timeframe the funds allocated will go back into the pool for reallocation.