



DEVELOPING ATHLETE PROGRAM FOR COMBINED DRIVING

Addendum A

Exclusive access to the benefits summarized in this Addendum A are available to Athletes who have been identified in Developing Group "A" of the Developing Athlete Program for Combined Driving (DAP). Athletes interested in applying for these benefits must complete the application below and submit with a detailed proposal to outline their intended purpose and plans. *All applications are subject to the allocated program budgets that are approved by U.S. Equestrian and graciously supported with funding by the United States Team Foundation.*

The benefits outlined in this addendum are in no way connected to selection for Championships or Nations Cup competitions and will not be offered for the purpose of competing in these Events.

1. Travel Grant Opportunities

- a. **Working Student**: Athletes may apply with a proposal to travel to a training stable that they would otherwise not have access to for a specified amount of time to study as a working student with an established trainer. All details are subject to approval. This opportunity is intended for athletes only and does not include the athlete's horse/pony.
- b. **International Competition Experience**: Athletes may apply with a proposal to travel to an international competition outside of North America to assist an established FEI athlete and their team during an Event. All details are subject to approval and Championships/high profile CAIs may be given preference. This opportunity is intended for athletes only and does not include the athlete's horse/pony.
- c. **Alternative Proposal**: Athletes may apply with an alternative proposal to travel for identified educational purposes outlined in detail.

Athletes interested in these opportunities will be expected to complete an application along with a proposal outlining the intended experience. Athletes who are under 21 years old must have permission from their parents to apply and will be required to follow all relevant protocols and policies as outlined by U.S. Equestrian prior to accepting any permissions or grants for travel.

2. Remote Development Opportunities

- a. **Remote Judging**: Athletes may submit a complete video of a Driven Dressage test from the Judge's point of view at C to receive a judges score sheet with remarks from a USEF or FEI Licensed Judge appointed by the DAP Working Group. *Note: the results from these Dressage tests cannot be considered for any qualifications, rankings, year-end points or selection.*
- b. **Remote Training**: Athletes may submit a video (recommend 5+ minutes and/or as guided by selected clinician) from a perspective on the ground and/or from the driver's position to receive training advice and instruction from clinicians approved by the DAP Working Group.





Developing Athlete Group "A" Addendum Application

Name: [] Date of application: []
USEF #: [] FEI #: []

[] 21+ years of age If not, Parental consent given by: []

Select the type of opportunity being proposed:

- [] Working Student Travel Grant
[] International Competition Experience Travel Grant
[] Travel Grant for Alternative Proposal

Relating to travel grant proposals:

Proposed travel dates/time period: []
Trainer/FEI Athlete: []
Location: []
Competition (if applicable): []

Athletes are also required to submit a proposal in the form of a written essay or other format outlining the following:

- i. Describe the driving capability and experience of the proposed Trainer or FEI Athlete that you intend to work with.
ii. Describe your daily routine including responsibilities and opportunities that you will have while on this trip.
iii. Describe specific skills that you anticipate to obtain or develop and how this can be applied to your development as an athlete for US teams.
iv. Describe the logistics of your travel, including all pertinent details and expenses.
v. Note any other applicable information to be considered.

Submit applications and proposals to Steven Morrissey, Interim Director of Driving:

smorrissey@usef.org Applicants who are approved for travel grants will be required to report on the experience and provide necessary proof of expenses, as applicable.

Applications will be reviewed by the Developing Athlete Working Group, which is a subgroup of the USEF Driving Sport Committee, based on the criteria noted below.





Criteria for Consideration of Travel Grant Opportunities

Consideration for the Developing Athlete Program Travel Grants will be based on the following factors:

Outcomes = targets, key performance indicators, aims etc. proposed by the athlete and ultimately agreed by the Developing Athlete Working Group that will be used to measure the success and value of the funding and the progress of, or “lessons learnt” by, the athlete.

- i. Relevance of the proposal to the goals outlined in the Developing Athlete Program for Combined Driving
- ii. Athlete’s ability to outline the detail of the proposal and how this links to outcomes
- iii. Perceived value of the investment versus the intended outcomes
- iv. Perceived ability of the athlete to meet target goals set within the program as well as outlined in the athlete’s proposal
- v. Readiness of the athlete to undergo the proposal as outlined, taking in to consideration the athlete’s current performance status and competition achievement
- vi. Athlete’s commitment to improvement and to the Athlete Pathway Programs
- vii. Athlete’s progression of competition results or training performance in the previous 1-3 year period
- viii. Prospect that the intended outcomes can assist with developing the athlete as a future USA team member
- ix. Perceived experience and ability of the trainers, athletes etc. listed as supporting the applicant, to assist the applicant achieve the outcomes

