



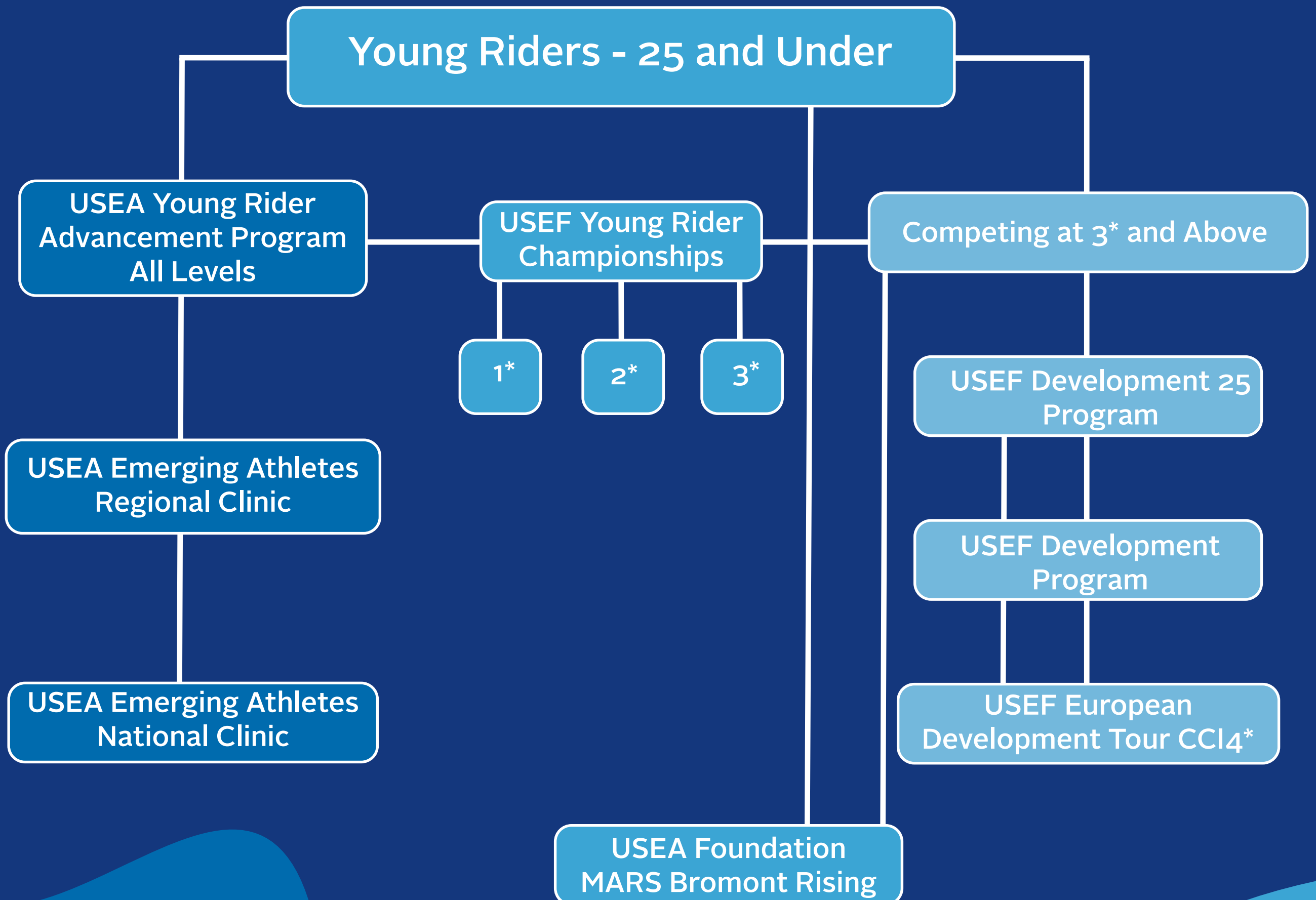
YOUNG RIDER USEF & USEA PROGRAMS

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Opportunities for Young Riders





USEF Education



Development 25 Program

Athlete-focused talent identification, development and talent confirmation program for athletes 25 and under. The aim is to provide fundamental skills necessary for future team athletes and athletes focused on reaching Elite status.

Development Program

The Development Program aims to support athletes with the perceived talent and ability to reach Pre-Elite status within the next two to three years, with a maximum of four by focusing on developing the skills need to progress up the Pathway.



USEF Competition



Eventing Young Rider Championship

The premier equestrian competition in North America for junior and young riders, ages 12-25. Young equestrians vie for team and individual medals in this unique competition.

European Development Tour

For members of the USEF's Development Programs to gain international experience, achieve results at European events, and to develop future team athletes by immersion in a team environment.



USEA Competition



Interscholastic Eventing League

The mission of the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League (IEL) is to bring together junior riders with a common interest in the 5th through 12th grade and provide a supportive community through which students can continue to pursue their riding interest. The IEL encourage team camaraderies by allowing USEA junior members at the same barn, school, Pony Club or other common bond to unite in team competition at Interscholastic Team Challenges and, in the future, annual IEL Championships. The program also provides a pathway for those riders seeking to be a part of a collegiate eventing program after graduating high school.

Intercollegiate Eventing Program

The USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program was established to provide the framework on which eventing teams and individual competitors could flourish at universities and colleges across the country by continuing their training and progression in the sport. Collegiate athletic programs have been the training grounds for Olympians, amateur athletes, and professional athletes for generations. The Intercollegiate Eventing Program aims to capitalize on this model by hosting Intercollegiate Team Challenges and the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championships annually so students can continue to compete during their years in school with the added comradery and support the college athlete.



USEA Education



Mentorship Program

The Young Rider Mentorship Program is a professional development opportunity created to assist young riders with an interest in various equine professions by giving them hands on experience shadowing some of the world's most prestigious eventing officials at the past FEI North American Youth Championships (NAYC) and the current USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championships and other opportunities. Participants are given the opportunity to make connections and lasting relationships in the industry by working with the FEI Ground Jury President and Members, FEI Technical Delegate, Cross-Country Course Designer, Event Organizers, and more at these major championship events. The program shows Young Riders the wide variety of careers available within the sport of eventing beyond becoming a professional rider and trainer.

Emerging Athlete U21 Program

The USEA Emerging Athlete U21 Program (EA21) was introduced in 2022 with the purpose of identifying and providing consistent, quality instruction to the next generation of elite event riders with an aim to create a pipeline for future team riders. By identifying and developing young talent, improving their horsemanship and riding skills, and training and improving their skills and consistency, the EA21 program is intended to bridge the gap in development between being a Young Rider and becoming a Professional through access to the best coaching and educational opportunities. Participants in the EA21 program are selected not only for their competitiveness and effectiveness over all three phases of eventing but also for their willingness to learn, ability to be a “team player,” their love for horses and commitment to the sport for the future.



USEA Education



Young Rider Area Programs

Each of the ten USEA Areas develop their Young Rider program according to the diversity of their members as well as the needs and resources available to each Area. The Young Rider Coordinators develop their programs to support their members at all levels, from Beginner Novice through the Intermediate level. Area activities may include a variety of team competitions, camps, grants, educational and social activities, providing experiences to encourage a young rider's life-long engagement and passion for the sport of eventing. Success in competition and the development of members who will sustain the future of eventing are common objectives among the ten USEA Young Rider Area Programs.

Bromont Rising U25 Grant

For the 2023 competition season, the MARS Bromont Rising U25 grant of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to twenty successful applicants to help assist with travel expenses and entry fees for the MARS Bromont CCI. In addition, classroom presentations will be made by course designers, High Performance riders and a dressage test analysis by a 5* FEI judge. Optional coaching during the three-day event is also available. Bromont Rising supports U25 athletes at CCI2* and CCI3* levels at the respective competitions.



Recognition Programs



USEA Medal Program

(3 scores at a level held at different venues below specific thresholds)

USEA Blue Ribbon Award Program

(automatically awarded - first through third at three events at a level)

USEA Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement

(automatically awarded - BN only - complete three events as a pair with no XC jump faults)

USEA Leaderboard

(Junior or Young Adult, Intercollegiate and Horse)

US Equestrian Youth Sportman's Award

(nominated by USEA)

US Equestrian Junior High Athlete Letter Program

US Equestrian High School Athlete Letter Program

US Equestrian Junior Equestrian of the Year

(nominated by USEA)

More information is available at useafoundation.org/grants-overview and usef.org/eventing



Grant Opportunities

US Equestrian High School Senior Scholarship
(non-gap year)

US Eventing Foundation Grant - Seema Sonnad Junior Rider Grant
(2 - 14-18yrs of age aiming for 3*)*

US Eventing Foundation Grant - Rebecca Broussard Developing Rider Grants
(4 riders)*

US Eventing Foundation Grant - Essex Horse Trials Grant
(FEI 4 + under 25yrs of age)*

US Eventing Foundation Grant - Wilton Fair Fund Grant
(FEI 4 + under 29yrs of age - Europe Training Expenses)*

Karen Stives Endowment Grants

Jacqueline B. Mars Grants

USEF Funding Guide *(Click link)*

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