



The 2024 Jacqueline B. Mars National Competition and Training Grant Summer Applications are now available through your [Athlete Dashboard](#) within your USEF account. Applications are open for the National Grants and the deadline is **May 1st at 5:00 PM EST.**

The Jacqueline B. Mars Competition and Training Grants are awarded annually by the USET Foundation. The aim of the Jacqueline B. Mars Grant is to support the Eventing Pathway Programs 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.

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Grant Amount:

There is one (1) \$5,667.00 grant available for an athlete to prepare for and attend a competition, or series of competitions, that are more than 1,500 miles round trip from their U.S. home base this summer. Eligible competitions must occur in the U.S. during the months of June, July, and August and include:

- Maryland International CCI4*-S – July 5-7, 2024
- Rebecca Farm CCI4*-S / CCI4*-L – July 17-21, 2024
- Great Meadow International CCI4*-S - August 21-25, 2024

Grant Criteria and Eligibility:

- 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](#).

Athlete Expectations:

Athletes who receive a grant will be expected to outline how the funds will be utilized in their training and competition goals. Athletes will be required to submit a written report on their experiences at the end of the year.

The aim of the grant is to help the athlete/horse combination move to Elite or Pre-Elite level and therefore applicants will be expected to demonstrate that part of the grant will be used for performance enhancement not just logistical costs.

Application Information

Application Deadline: Deadlines are enforced without exception. Upon receipt of your application and fee, you and your horse owner(s) will receive a confirmation email with the date your application was received, and horse(s) included on the application.

If there is not an appropriate candidate, then the grant may not be awarded.

If you do not receive a confirmation email regarding your application, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact Gemma Stobbs (gstobbs@usef.org) to determine if it has been received.

You may edit your submission or add an additional horse(s) through the deadline. Before you begin your application, you must complete the following items:

Athlete:

- [2024 USEF Competing Membership](#)

Horse(s):

- Commonly Ridden Horses – in order to add your horse to the application, they must first be added to your [Commonly Ridden Horses](#) page within your Athlete Dashboard.

Please contact Gemma Stobbs, Director, Eventing Elite Program, at gstobbs@usef.org or at (859) 225-6929 if you have any questions.