

# USAWE Youth Education Grant Application Information Sheet

Youth Education Grant Program requirements for a USAWE Youth Member \$125 Youth Education Grant to attend a 2024 working equitation related event. The purpose of the Youth Educational Grant is to provide USAWE youth the opportunity to enhance and learn skills to help them become more successful riders. This grant is intended to invest in the Youth and in return the Youth give back to USAWE. The grant program's goal is to allow youth to attend seminars, clinics, and shows related to Working Equitation that are approved by the Youth Development Committee (YDC); whether mounted or unmounted. Applications must be received a minimum of 3 weeks prior to event date and will be processed on a first come first serve basis. For 2024, a maximum of 40 grants at \$125 each were approved by the Board of Directors. This grant cannot be used in conjunction with the championship scholarship grant for championship shows.

Questions? Please contact the Youth Development Committee at [Youth@usawe.org](mailto:Youth@usawe.org)

To apply, please fill out the [USAWE Youth Education Grant Application Form](#)

## The application form will ask for the following information:

**Youth Applicant** USAWE Member#

**Youth Applicant** Last name

**Youth Applicant** First Name

**Youth Applicant** Email Address

**Youth Applicant** Phone# (include area code) ###-###-####

**Parent** First and Last Name

**Parent** email address

**Parent** Phone# (include area code) ###-###-####

It is the intention of the grant to provide financial support to those youth who might not otherwise be able to afford to participate. Do you have financial need?

Upload documentation/evidence that you have ridden in a Working Equitation schooling show or USAWE licensed show within the preceding 12 months.

Upload a letter of recommendation from someone associated with USAWE, that is not related to the applicant.

Date of Event

Event Description

Event Organizer Name

Event Organizer Email Address

Event Organizer Phone# (including area code) ###-###-####

How would going to this event benefit you?

## 2024 USAWE Youth Educational Grant Program Details and Requirements

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### **Youth Educational Grant Details**

1. Applicants for a Youth Educational Grant must be current USAWE members in good standing.
2. Youth (as defined by USAWE membership criteria) will apply using this Youth Educational Grant Application Form.
3. Applications must be received a minimum of 3 weeks *before* the event and will be processed on a first come first serve basis.
4. Forty (40) grants will be available at \$125 each to start this program. Grant amount is subject to change as funds allow; for 2024, the budgeted Youth Educational Grant Program amount approved by the Board of Directors is \$5,000.

The Youth Development Committee will vote to award each grant based on the following applicant criteria:

#### **Applicants should meet the following requirements:**

1. Not previously been awarded a Youth Education Grant within the same year.
2. Declared there is a financial reason the grant will aid them in attending an event.
3. Submitted documentation/evidence they have ridden in a Working Equitation schooling show or USAWE licensed show within the preceding 12 months.
4. Submitted a letter of recommendation from someone associated with USAWE, that is not related to the applicant.

#### **Approved Grant recipients:**

1. Will be recognized through USAWE social media and newsletter.
2. Will attend and complete the grant approved event.
3. Will volunteer at the approved event/show for 1 hour, and submit documentation of this to the YDC after the event. The approved event should be the recipient of the volunteer hour. The volunteer hour should be prearranged with the event/show manager, and validated by the event/show manager after completion.
4. Will demonstrate exceptional behavior at the event with proper horse and rider turnout and appropriate attire for the event.
5. Will meet all grant recipient criteria, and submit required post-event documentation.
6. Will submit an authorized *Expenditure Reimbursement Request* form.
7. Will be awarded the \$125 grant amount upon completion of all requirements.
8. Each grant recipient is encouraged (not required) to submit a photo and short write up about their experience at the event that was attended to the YDC that can be shared with the USAWE Board of Directors and membership.

As parent of the youth applicant submitting this USAWE Youth Education Grant, I acknowledge that:

1. I have read and understand the **USAWE Youth Education Grant Program** requirements outlined above.
2. I agree to assist the youth applicant submitting this application.
3. If this application is approved, will assist youth in attending the event and fulfilling the grant program completion requirements needed for reimbursement.