

GDCTA GRANT APPLICATION

GDCTA #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

Please sign the commitment statement.

I have read all the information sheets and understand the requirements for training with my chosen clinician. My training will commence within one year of being awarded the Grant. I understand if I am awarded a Training Grant from The Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association (GDCTA), I will:

- write an article about my training for the newsletter and the website, and for use in other publications, presenting how this grant helped me improve my riding.
- arrange to give a verbal report at a regular GDCTA board meeting as soon as possible after my training is complete.

I understand that I will receive an initial \$600 of the grant after details of my training are confirmed, and one month before my training. The balance in the amount will be sent to me when the GDCTA newsletter editor receives my training experience article.

Signed: _____

Please provide the following:

First, please register online to let us know you will be applying by June 1st.

Second, complete this form and email it with appropriate accompanying references and details to Janie Pride at janiepride@yahoo.com

- 1) Present a training plan that defines the areas upon which you wish to improve.
- 2) What are your expectations working with your trainer?
- 3) How will your training plan differ from your regular training?
- 4) Please name the trainer/clinician you plan to work with, along with their contact information. Give the anticipated date, or season, for your training.
- 5) Include a letter from the trainer who will work with you, to verify that you are accepted for training, and that the training fee will be: (expected training fee) \$_____ . _____

This letter can be emailed directly to Janie Pride janiepride@yahoo.com.

We do not anticipate that the GDCTA Grant will cover all training plan expenses. In no circumstance will this grant exceed \$800.

- 6) Please indicate to the committee how you will handle the balance of these expenses.
- 7) Provide a brief summary of your riding experience. List names of horses ridden, level/s ridden, awards received, educational activities (clinics, symposiums, USDF University session), include dates and names of presenters, and whether you were mounted or an auditor.

- 8) Please give your volunteer history for at least 3 - 5 years, starting with your present activities.

- 9) We need a reference letter from TWO sources – trainers, instructors or dressage contacts who will vouch for your riding skills, your desire to improve, and your volunteer activity. It is recommended that the reference writer send these comments on their letter head, if available. Please send directly to Grant Committee Chairperson, Janie Pride janiepride@yahoo.com.

ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS Feb 1 – June 1

In 2023, each GDCTA grant recipient will also receive a special journal donated by The Equestrian Journal. Journaling is a great tool to help you organize your thoughts and record your progress.

gdcta.org/training-grants