

MID-SOUTH EVENTING AND DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

RULES & GUIDELINES

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ARTICLE I

Definition of Rules and Guidelines

- I.1.** MSEDAs shall publish rules and guidelines for Eventing and Dressage competitions, including, but not limited to:
All the requirements necessary for the sanctioning of and participation in such competitions; the year-end awards and the systems utilized to determine which horses and riders qualify to receive such awards; and the rules and guidelines governing the MSEDAs Judges and Technical Delegates programs.

ARTICLE II

Amendments

- II.1.** Amendments to the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines for Eventing and Dressage shall be made only by a majority vote of MSEDAs Board of Directors. The enactment date of the amendments shall become effective on the date of the meeting at which they were voted on or a date specifically identified by the Board.

ARTICLE III

Rules for Dressage

- III.1.** The Rules and Guidelines for Dressage may follow the rules set forth by the USEF and USDF, unless stated below.
III.1.a Eventing Test of Choice classes (no jumping phase) will be scored as a percentage and will follow USEF Dressage Rules.
- III.2.** The Competition Year shall begin on November 1 and run through October 31 of the following year.
- III.3.** MSEDAs Qualifying Classes for Dressage at the Park - At least one score of 60% or higher must be earned for the highest test for each respective level (i.e., Training Level Test 3, First Level Test 3, Second Level Test 3, etc) at a show sanctioned by MSEDAs in order to be eligible for MSEDAs Championship classes at MSEDAs Dressage at the Park.

A rider must be a member in good standing of MSED A when the scores are earned in order to qualify for the above classes. In order to be considered a member in good standing, the dues and all other outstanding debts to MSED A and related functions must be paid in full before the call to order of the annual meeting.

- III.3.a.** Only the entered rider may ride/warm-up or train any horse entered in any MSED A Championship class, regardless where the Championship classes are held.
- III.3.b** There will be no whips allowed in MSED A Dressage Championship Classes.
- III.3.c.** No test callers will be allowed in MSED A Dressage Championship Classes.
- III.4.** In order to receive points toward year-end awards the horse/rider combination must be activated with MSED A, the rider must be a member in good standing as set forth in the by-laws of the MSED A.
- III.5.** Points toward year-end awards each year shall accumulate on and after the date of official membership activation for that membership year. Points earned during November and December of the previous membership year will count if the rider is a member in good standing as of January 1 of the following membership year.
- III.6.** For a horse to receive points toward year-end awards, the horse must be activated by the rider who is a member in good standing during the qualifying membership year. A horse may be activated by more than one member. Horses activated on or after March 1 of each year will be subject to an activation fee as determined by the MSED A Board of Directors.
- III.7.** Results from MSED A-sanctioned shows must be submitted no later than 30 days after the show. It is the organizer's responsibility to ensure that results are submitted to the appropriate individual designated by the MSED A Board of Directors. Any results not submitted by December 1 each year shall not be eligible for points toward year-end awards for the competition year in which that show was held.
- III.8.** At the organizer's discretion, MSED A schooling shows can offer gaited and Western Dressage classes. Organizers are responsible for the judges and tests for these classes. All other USEF/USDF/WDAA rules regarding tack and attire must be followed. No MSED A points will be awarded for gaited classes but will be awarded for Western Dressage.
- III.9.** A rider may ride the same horse in multiple different tests in a Test of Choice/Percentage class at a dressage show, but not the same test more than once, and be eligible for horse/rider points for each ride.

ARTICLE IV

Rules for Eventing

- IV.1.** The rules and guidelines for Eventing may follow the rules set forth by the USEF/USEA for the Beginner Novice through Advanced levels with the exceptions as listed below in Appendix 2. Starter is recognized by MSED. MSED has established the following Starter guidelines to assist organizers, Officials and Competitors:

Appendix 1

STARTER GUIDELINES

Dressage:

USDF Intro Test B or USEF Beginner Novice Test A

Cross Country:

Length: 1,000 – 1,500 meters

Speed: 300 - 325 mpm

Height: Solid - 2'3" Brush – 2'7"

Spread: Highest Point – 2'7" Base spread/without Height – 3'0"

Efforts: 10-14

Refer to EV Appendix 1.1.b for guidelines regarding obstacles on Cross Country, except where listed below:

- No drops, only small step up; a simple water crossing may be used with a simple option available; no combinations; ditches must have a simple option available
- Starter divisions must be timed to be eligible for Year End Awards

Stadium:

Length: 600 meters maximum

Height: 2'3"

Overall spreads of Oxers: 2'7"

Speed: 275 - 300mpm

Jumping Efforts: 8-11

- No square or Swedish oxers, fans, Triple Bars, or combinations.
- Lines preferably be a minimum of 84 feet or more in length
- Unsecured rails on the ground, including one side for slanted filler rails, and cedar laying on the ground must not be used for ground lines. Flower boxes, walls, decorative free-standing filler should be used, care must be taken into consideration that these do not exceed more than 2" in front of the vertical plane of the front rail of oxers or the front leading edge of verticals. Single flower boxes, walls, or decorative free-standing filler placed directly in the middle of the jump that measure less than 8 ft should not be used

without additional fill on the outside dimensions of the jumpable face of the fence. Gates and rails that come within 6” of the ground are also acceptable.

- Care must be taken into consideration when building oxers that the Overall width must include any solid or decorative ground lines placed more than 2” in front of the vertical plane of the front rail.
- The use of approved Safety Cups must be used in warm-up and competition arenas, wooden dowels are no longer acceptable.
- Starter divisions must be timed to be eligible for Year End Awards

Appendix 2

- MSEDAs competitions must have a qualified medical staff on grounds with no other duties. If a single EMT is used, there must be a Trauma Kit with them
- It is strongly recommended that the EMT be in a convenient central area or be on reliable radio to show personnel.
- An ambulance is not required on grounds. If jumping phases are offered it is recommended that the EMT/Safety Officer/Organizer alert the nearest ambulance dispatch prior to the competition.
- A Veterinarian is not required to be on grounds. It is strongly suggested that the Organizer contact and have information on an on-call Veterinarian who could come in an emergency.
- A horse ambulance is not required to be on grounds.
- A Farrier is not required to be on grounds.

IV.2. The Competition Year shall begin on November 1 and run through October 31 of the following year.

IV.3. In order to receive points toward year-end awards the horse/rider combination must be activated with MSEDAs, the rider must be a member in good standing as set forth in the by-laws of the MSEDAs and fulfill the volunteer hour requirements as set forth by the MSEDAs Board of Directors.

- Volunteers at the MSEDAs Team Challenge and Dressage at the Park will earn double credit hours. Volunteer hours earned at AEC’s will count (actual hours). Volunteers may participate at any sanctioned show (actual hours). Total of 8 volunteer hours per year available.
- The Board of Directors attend monthly Board meetings either in person or on the phone with an allocation of one (1) hour per month, to count for volunteer hours for attending Board Meetings. Committee members may earn up to 4 hours per year for participating on a committee.
- Juniors (18 years and under) are exempt from the 8 hours of volunteer hours at a MSEDAs show. Hours can be accrued at any MSEDAs sanctioned show.

IV.4. Points toward year-end awards each year shall accumulate on and after the date of official membership activation for that membership year. Points earned during November and December of the previous membership year will count if the rider is a member in good standing as of January 1 of the following membership year.

For a horse to receive points toward year-end awards, the horse must be activated by the owner or rider who is a member in good standing during the qualifying membership year. A horse may be activated by more than one member. Horses activated on or after March 1 of each year will be subject to an activation fee as determined by the MSED Board of Directors.

IV.5. To participate on a MSED sponsored team, the rider must be a member in good standing of MSED and only USEF-competition results (as stated in the qualifying procedure) from the current competition year will be considered.

IV.6. The same horse may be ridden/shared by no more than two different riders in no more than two classes/divisions at a Combined Test at the Novice level or below. The horse and both riders will be eligible for all horse/rider points earned, if applicable.

IV.7. Riders may not share the same horse in dressage classes held in conjunction with the Combined Test when they are entered in the Combined Test as well.

IV.8. Horses may not be entered in more than one division at a Horse Trial.

ARTICLE V

Attire and Saddlery at MSED Sanctioned Competitions

V.I. Upon arrival, anyone riding a horse at a MSED sanctioned Eventing and/or Dressage competition must wear a properly fitted protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM(American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI(Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.

V.II Refer to USEF EV 115 for Combined Test, Mini Trial, and Horse Trials saddlery and inspection of saddlery descriptions. Refer to USEF DR 121 for Dressage competition saddlery descriptions.

Combined Tests, Mini Trials, and Horse Trials

Dressage

- Coat – Dark color or tweed, tailcoats are not permitted. Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases, shirt - long or short sleeved with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, neatly tucked into riding breeches.
- Shirt – Conservative color, with stock and pin, or choker, or tie.
- Gloves – (*if worn*) – dark color, tan, beige or white.

- Jodhpurs, Breeches –light color or white.
- Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.
- Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)
- Full chaps are not allowed
- Protective Headgear - must be in accordance with the previous paragraph. Predominately black, brown, or dark blue.

Refer to USEF EV 115.2 for Dressage test saddlery descriptions, and USEF EV 115.4 for inspection of saddlery description.

Cross Country

- Shirt - Light-weight clothing is appropriate for this Test, a shirt (any color) with sleeves and a collar must be worn.
- Protective Headgear - must be in accordance with the previous paragraph and may be any color.
- Breeches, Jodhpurs – may be any color
- Gloves – (*if worn*) may be any color
- Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.
- Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)
- Full chaps are not allowed
- Body protecting vest – must be worn warming-up for cross country and in the cross-country test. Stable, team or club colors are permitted.
- If an inflatable vest is used, a protective vest must be worn underneath. Combination vests are acceptable.

Refer to USEF EV 115.3 for Cross Country and Jumping Test saddlery descriptions.

Stadium Jumping

- Hunting dress or uniform
- Protective Headgear –with chin harness designed expressly for equestrian use must be in accordance with the previous paragraph.
- Hat covers – other than predominately brown, black, or dark blue are not allowed.
- Coat – dark color or tweed. Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases, shirt - long or short sleeved with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, neatly tucked into riding breeches.
- Shirt – stock with pin, choker or tie
- Gloves – (*if worn*) – dark color, tan, beige or white.
- Jodhpurs, Breeches - light color or white.
- Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.

- Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)
- Full chaps are not allowed.
- Safety vests and inflatable vests are permitted. If a, inflatable vest is used, a protective vest must be worn underneath. Combination vests are acceptable.

Refer to USEF EV 115.3 for Cross Country and Jumping Test saddlery descriptions.

Dressage Competitions

- Coat - short riding coat of a dark conservative color, with a shirt with a tie, choker or stock tie. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted.
- Breeches, Jodhpurs – white or light colored
- Gloves - (*if worn*) - dark color, tan, beige or white.
- Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.
- Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)
- Full chaps are not allowed
- Protective Headgear – must be in accordance with the previous paragraph.

ARTICLE VI

Dressage Awards

VI.1. Dressage year-end high score Divisional awards, first through fifth place, shall be presented by the MSED A in the following dressage divisions or division sub-classifications:

- a) USDF Walk Trot – Junior/Young Rider
- b) USDF Walk Trot – Senior Rider
- c) USDF Walk Trot – Master Rider
- d) Training Level – Junior/Young Rider
- e) Training Level – Senior Rider
- f) Training Level – Master Rider
- g) First Level – Junior/Young Rider
- h) First Level – Senior Rider
- i) First Level – Master Rider
- j) Second Level
- k) Third Level
- l) Fourth Level*
- m) FEI*
- n) Western Dressage- Junior/Young Rider
- o) Western Dressage-Senior Rider
- p) Western Dressage-Master Rider

*The FEI Young Rider tests will count as follows:
- FEI Team Test points accrue to Fourth Level

- FEI Individual Test points accrue to Prix St. Georges
- FEI Junior Preliminary Test points accrue to Third Level
- FEI Junior Team and Individual points accrue to Fourth Level

A Young Rider / Junior Rider is defined as age 21 and under. A Senior Rider is age 22 – 49. A Master Rider is age 50 and older.

VI.2. Points will be awarded to finishers who score a 50% or higher at competitions sanctioned by MSEDAs. At FEI level only, places 6th-8th will be awarded .5 points. Double points will be awarded at USEF and USDF sanctioned competitions that are also sanctioned by MSEDAs. In open divisions with no Junior/Young Rider/Senior/Master/Amateur sub-classification, the points awarded will be assigned to the proper categories within MSEDAs membership. Competitors competing in “Championship” classes will receive ½ again as many points as a regular show and awarded as if 5 or more starters. Points will be awarded according to the following charts:

DRESSAGE PLACING

						(FEI)	(FEI)	(FEI)
<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
5 or more starters	5	4	3	2	1	.5	.5	.5
Championship Class	7.5	6	4.5	3	1.5	.75	.75	.75
4 starters	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
3 starters	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
2 starters	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 starter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The following point scale will be used to calculate points for the awards described in VI.3 through VI.8 and VI.10:

HIGH POINT AWARDS

<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
Intro	3	2	1	.5	.25	0	0	0	0	0
Training Level	4	3	2	1	.5	0	0	0	0	0
First Level	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Second Level	10	8	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Third Level	15	12	9	6	4	3	2	1	.5	0
Fourth Level	20	16	12	8	4	3	2	1	.5	.25
FEI	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	.5

- VI.3.** Dressage High Point Award – Spy Games Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the horse/rider combination who amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.4.** Dressage High Point Junior Rider – Under 18 – Awarded to the rider under age 18 who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.5.** Dressage High Point Young Rider – Awarded to the rider age 18- 21 who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.6.** Dressage High Point Senior Rider – Awarded to the rider age 22- 49 who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.7.** Dressage High Point Master Rider – Awarded to the rider age 50 and over who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.8.** Dressage High Point Adult Amateur – Awarded to the amateur rider over age 21 who has submitted a copy of his/her USEF amateur card to the Points Chair and amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year. Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair receives the card.
- VI.9.** FEI Certificate of Achievement – Awarded to any rider who has achieved a minimum score of 57 percent at the FEI level at a USEF/USDF-recognized competition. A copy of

the qualifying test, including judge's signature, must be submitted to the Points Chair in order to be eligible.

VI.10. Dressage High Point Mare -The Tundra Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the activated mare who has amassed the greatest number of points in dressage during the competition year.

VI.11. Dressage Company's Musical Kur - Awarded to the activated horse who has amassed the greatest number of points at musical kur competitions during the competition year.

VI.12. Outstanding Dressage Show – Must be sanctioned by MSED A. To be voted on and awarded at the annual meeting by the general membership and it cannot be awarded two consecutive years to the same recipient.

VI.13. Liz Pizzo Award - Awarded to a MSED A member that has ridden in the Liz Pizzo Freestyle Championship class at the MSED A Dressage at the Park Show. The MSED A member must have a qualifying score of 60% or better to enter the class.

ARTICLE VII

Combined Test and Eventing Awards

VII.1A. Year-end high point Divisional awards, first through fifth place, shall be presented by the MSED A at the annual meeting in the following combined test divisions or division sub-classifications:

- (a) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Starter
- (b) Combined Test – Senior Starter
- (c) Combined Test – Master Starter
- (d) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Beginner Novice
 - (e) Combined Test – Senior Beginner Novice
 - (f) Combined Test – Master Beginner Novice
- (g) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Novice
 - (h) Combined Test – Senior Novice
 - (i) Combined Test – Master Novice
- (j) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Training
 - (k) Combined Test – Senior Training
 - (l) Combined Test – Master Training
 - (m) Combined Test - Modified
- (n) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Preliminary
 - (o) Combined Test – Senior Preliminary
 - (p) Combined Test – Master Preliminary
 - (q) Combined Test – Intermediate
 - (r) Combined Test - Advanced

VII.1B. Year-end high point Divisional awards, first through fifth place, shall be presented by the MSEDAs at the annual meeting in the following eventing divisions or division sub-classifications:

- q) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Starter
 - r) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Starter
 - s) Horse Trials/Events – Master Starter
- t) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Beginner Novice
 - u) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Beginner Novice
 - v) Horse Trials/Events – Master Beginner Novice
- w) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Novice
 - x) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Novice
 - y) Horse Trials/Events – Master Novice
- z) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Training
 - aa) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Training
 - bb) Horse Trials/Events – Master Training
- cc) Horse Trials/Events – Modified /Junior/Young Rider
- dd) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Preliminary
 - ee) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Preliminary
 - ff) Horse Trials/Events – Master Preliminary
 - gg) Horse Trials/Events – Intermediate
 - hh) Horse Trials/Events – Advanced

A Junior/Young Rider is defined as age 21 and under. A Senior Rider is age 22 – 49. A Master Rider is age 50 and older.

VII.2. Points will be awarded to classes from Starter through Advanced. Double points will be awarded at USEF and USEA sanctioned competitions that are also sanctioned by MSEDAs. At Preliminary level, places 6th-8th will be awarded .5 points. At Intermediate and Advanced levels places 6th-10th will be awarded .5 points. In open divisions with no Junior/Young Rider/Senior/Master/Amateur sub-classification, the points awarded will be assigned to the proper categories within MSEDAs membership. Competitors competing in “Championship” classes will receive ½ again as many points as a regular show and awarded as if 5 or more starters. Points will be awarded according to the following charts:

COMBINED TEST / HORSE TRIALS PLACING

						(P,I,A)	(I,A)
<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th-8th</u>	<u>9th & 10th</u>
5 or more Starters	5	4	3	2	1	.5	.5
Championship	7.5	6	4.5	3	1.5	.75	.75

Class							
4 starters	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
3 starters	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
2 starters	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
1 starter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

The following point scale will be used to calculate points for the awards described in Sections VI.1.3 through VI.1.8:

HIGH POINT AWARDS

<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
Starter	3	2	1	.5	.25	0	0	0	0	0
Beginner Novice	4	3	2	1	.5	0	0	0	0	0
Novice	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Training	10	8	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Modified	12.5	10	7.5	5	3	1	.5	0	0	0
Prelim	15	12	9	6	4	3	2	1	.5	0
Intermediate	20	16	12	8	4	3	2	1	.5	.25
Advanced	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	.5

VII.3. Eventing High Point Award - Midnight Sam Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the activated horse who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.

VII.4. High Point Eventing Mare – The Philosopher Trophy - Awarded to the activated mare who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.

- VII.5.** Eventing High Point Junior Rider - The Craig Bryant Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the rider under age 18 who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.6.** Eventing High Point Young Rider - Awarded to the rider age 18-21 who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.7.** Eventing High Point Senior Rider – The Bennett Trophy - Awarded to the rider age 22-49 who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.8.** Eventing High Point Master Rider – The Helmut Graetz Trophy - Awarded to the rider age 50 and over who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.9.** Eventing High Point Adult Amateur Award – The Tessie’s Brite Star Trophy - Awarded to the amateur rider over age 21 who has submitted a copy of his/her USEF or USEA amateur card to the Points Chair and amassed the greatest number of points competing in eventing during the competition year. Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair receives the card.
- VII.10.** Outstanding Horse Trials/Event – Must be sanctioned by MSED A. To be voted on and awarded at the annual meeting by the general membership and it cannot be awarded two consecutive years to the same recipient.
- VII.11** The Grasshopper Trophy- Awarded annually to the high point MSED A offtrack thoroughbred in the Eventing division. The horse must be tattooed or have a TIP number and be nominated for eligibility to MSED A prior to the end of the competition year. It is the responsibility of the member wishing to be considered for this award to notify the Points Chair of eligibility. The award is based on eventing (not Combined Test) points. The member must also meet the volunteer hours requirement in order to be eligible. Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair is notified.

ARTICLE VIII

Other Awards

- VIII.1.** Kob Ryen Memorial Trophy - Voted on at the annual meeting by the general membership and awarded to the individual who has done the most to further the purpose of the MSED A during the year. It may be awarded to a rider or a non-rider and it cannot be awarded consecutive years to the same recipient.

- VIII.2.** Bryn Wilborn Memorial Trophy - To recognize MSEDAs young riders who have participated in the North American Young Rider Championships in dressage or eventing. Their names will be inscribed on the Bryn Wilborn Memorial Trophy on display at the Kentucky Horse Park, and each will receive a commemorative julep cup.
- VIII.3.** Pony Club Award - Given to the MSEDAs member in good standing who accumulates the highest number of points and is also a member of a recognized pony club. It is the responsibility of the member wishing to be considered for this award to notify the Points Chair of eligibility. Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair is notified with the correct information including Pony Club or Riding Center and Certification level.
- VIII.4.** Hall of Distinction Award – Awarded to any MSEDAs member in good standing who has completed an FEI competition. A trophy will be presented in the initial year of induction. Any subsequent FEI completions will be recognized at the Annual Meeting. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the Points Chair and provide proof of each FEI completion. The member must also meet the volunteer hours requirement in order to be eligible.
- VIII.5.** Volunteer Awards - The twenty-five individuals accumulating the most volunteer hours during the competition year at MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions & MSEDAs sponsored events will receive volunteer awards each year at the MSEDAs Annual Meeting to recognize their efforts as outstanding volunteers. The awards may be given to MSEDAs members or non-members.

ARTICLE IX

Volunteer Hours

- IX.1.** Required Hours – In order to qualify for year-end awards in dressage and eventing competitions, the member/rider must volunteer a total of eight (8) hours.
- Volunteers at the MSEDAs Team Challenge and Dressage at the Park will earn double credit hours. Volunteer hours earned at AEC’s will count (actual hours). Volunteers may participate at any sanctioned show (actual hours). Total of 8 volunteer hours per year available.
 - The Board of Directors attend monthly Board meetings either in person or on the phone with an allocation of one (1) hour per month, to count for volunteer hours for attending Board Meetings. Committee members may earn up to 4 hours per year for participating on a committee.
 - Juniors (18 years and under) are exempt from the 8 hours of volunteer hours at a MSEDAs show. Hours can be accrued at any MSEDAs sanctioned show.
- Written proof of this service must be provided to the individual designated by the MSEDAs Board of Directors no later than October 31 of each year. A minimum of four (4) of the eight (8) hours must be completed by the rider, the rest of the required hours may be donated by someone other than the rider and donated in his or her name.

ARTICLE X

Sanctioning

- X.1.** Sanctioning. MSEDAs may confer official MSEDAs sanctioning for eventing and dressage competitions meeting MSEDAs requirements for compliance with rules and regulations established or adopted by the MSEDAs. Eventing competitions offering sanctioned levels below Beginner Novice must follow the definitions and guidelines outlined in IV.1.1 - Appendix 1 Starter Guidelines.
- X.2.** Request for Sanctioning. An Application for MSEDAs Sanctioning form must be completed by each competition and submitted to the MSEDAs Sanctioning Chairman. All information on the form and proper materials requested within the form must be together for the sanctioning approval. Competitions can receive MSEDAs sanctioning after the show or event has been held, as long as the above-mentioned information and required fee are received within 60 days of the competition and the appropriate fees are paid.
- X.2.a** USEF competitions can receive MSEDAs sanctioning upon completion of the sanctioning process as stated on the USEF Competitions Form.
- X.2.b** Competitors may request sanctioning of any USEF competition by completing an application as stated above and paying the appropriate fee.
- X.3.** Sanctioning Fee. A sanctioning fee, the amount of which will be determined by the MSEDAs Board of Directors, must accompany the Application for MSEDAs Sanctioning form.
- X.3.a** Sanctioned MSEDAs competitions cancelled due to a verifiable Act of God may, at the discretion of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, have the sanctioning fee credited toward a future show or may receive a refund. The organizer shall make the decision as to refund or credit.
- X.4.** Selection of Officials. In order to receive MSEDAs sanctioning, organizers must select their judges and technical delegates from those licensed by MSEDAs, USEF, or USDF, regardless of whether a class or division is sanctioned or not. NOTE: L-Judges must appear on the MSEDAs Roster of Officials.
- X.5.** Conflicting Show Dates. MSEDAs will refrain from sanctioning shows and events of like disciplines within a 50-mile radius on the same date(s). In the event that requests for sanctioning result in such conflicts, the request for sanctioning which is received first will prevail. If two requests are received at the same time, the show or event which held those dates the previous year will prevail.
- X.6.** Prize Lists - It is the Organizer's responsibility to produce a prize list which clearly states all classes and/or levels that are offered; any fees charged, and the specifications related to each class and/or division. If dress requirements are not clearly stated, then it is

assumed that the current MSEDAs attire rule will apply (for both formal and informal) No changes to the prize list maybe be made once it is published apart from clarifications. Prize Lists. Prize lists may not indicate MSEDAs sanctioning approval until granted by the MSEDAs. Prize lists which have made application for sanctioning may indicate that sanctioning is “pending” or “requested.”

- X.7.** Reports. Final approval of MSEDAs sanctioning is dependent upon a report from the technical delegate certifying adherence to MSEDAs rules for eventing and dressage events as outlined in the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines for Eventing and Dressage.
- X.8.** Suspension of Sanctioned Competitions. All MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions are subject to the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines and its affiliated governing organizations. Sanctioning may be granted upon completion of the required documentation and payment of fees by designated deadlines in accordance with Article IX by the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines. However, Sanctioning may be withdrawn, by vote of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, following any Licensed Official’s report of gross negligence or blatant disregard of the rules. Competitions which have had their sanctioning revoked may reapply for sanctioning for future competitions but may be subject to Board-appointed officials and other requirements deemed necessary by the MSEDAs Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

MSEDAs Judges & Officials

- XI.1.** Duties of the Ground Jury
- a. The Ground Jury is ultimately responsible for the judging of the event and for settling all problems that may arise during its jurisdiction. For Combined Test, Mini Trial, and Horse Trial competitions, together with the Technical Delegate, Course Designer and Organizing Committee, it shall endeavor to ensure that all arrangements for the event, including the arenas, courses and obstacles including deformable Cross-Country Jumps, are appropriate. If, after consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Ground Jury is not satisfied with the arrangements or courses, it is authorized to modify them.
 - b. The Ground Jury will judge the Dressage Test. Additional judges may be appointed by the Organizing Committee, but the Ground Jury will still be responsible for all decisions. c. At Mini Trials and Horse Trials, the Ground Jury or the Technical Delegate, if the former is involved with the judging of the Dressage or Jumping Tests, will be responsible for all arrangements made by the Organizing Committee for the judging and timekeeping of the Cross-Country Test. One of them shall be available at the control center to adjudicate on unforeseen eventualities.
 - d. At Combined Test, Mini Trials, and Horse Trials, the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury begins at 3:00pm of the day prior to start of the relevant competition.

XI.2. Additional Judges - In addition to the Ground Jury, the Organizing Committee may appoint additional judges to judge the Dressage or Jumping Tests. These judges need not remain after completion of their duties. All additional judges are subject to the same restrictions as the members of the Ground Jury. The Stadium Judge is ineligible to serve as President or Member of any Ground Jury and they are ineligible to grant special permission to jump when elimination was previously a result of an issue in dressage or cross country, or any other reason for elimination. The Stadium Judge is to only rule on eliminations that are clearly related to results of the jumping round, i.e. refusals, falls and exceeding time limits.

XI.3. Purpose. MSED A shall, from time to time, organize an Officials Program or offer a self-led training program to members of MSED A for the opportunity to receive education and training in the principles and rules for Officiating at MSED A recognized competitions

XI.3.a. Conduct of Officials. All officials are required to have their current rule books and updates with them at a show. It is expected that all MSED A officials should act in a professional and impartial manner.

XI.4. Eligibility. Any MSED A member in good standing who also meet the following prerequisites is eligible to make application for enrollment in the Officials Training Program:

Dressage Judge - Must show proficiency to Second Level by any of the following means:

- (1) Submit three tests from two different USDF judges with scores of 60% or better; or
- (2) Provide proof of experience in training a horse to Second Level or above; or
- (3) Provide proof of experience in teaching students to Second Level or above; or
- (4) Provide proof of comparable experience. -

Eventing Judge - Must complete the requirements for both a Dressage Judge and Eventing Technical Delegate.

Stadium Judge – The Stadium Judge shall be listed as an official MSED A Certified Official with all privileges and obligations of all MSED A Officials. The Stadium Judge must pass a written test and training requirements, and upon certification must participate in Continuing Education programs as offered. There will be both mandatory and non-mandatory CEs.

- (1) Will need to practice judge/scribe under two separate USEF licensed Officials during the stadium phase of a USEF recognized Combined Test or Event for a minimum of 4 hours each.
- (2) Will need to submit a signed evaluation from said USEF Officials that they completed the requirement and are deemed competent to judge a stadium round correctly.
- (3) Will need to pass a written test with an 83% or better within 3 months of the practice judging.

XI.5. Fees.

- (1) Enrollment Fee - To be determined by the MSED A Board of Directors.
- (2) Officials Program Session Fee - To be determined by the Program Chairperson(s).

- XI.6.** Auditors. Individuals may audit any session of the Judges Program for a fee per session determined by the Program Chairperson(s). Auditors need not be members of MSED A.
- XI.7.** Organization. The organization of the Officials Program shall be approved by the MSED A Board of Directors and shall be presented as an informational and explanatory piece separate from these rules and guidelines, and which shall outline the requirements for enrollment, fee schedules, session content, and certification procedures.
- XI.8.** Chairperson(s). A current MSED A member(s), in good standing, shall be appointed as the chairperson(s) of the MSED A Judges & Officials Committee by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson(s) of the Official's Program shall coordinate all activities attendant to conducting the program with the approval of the Chairperson(s) of the Officials Committee and the MSED A Board.
- XI.9.** Certification. Upon satisfactory completion of an MSED A Officials Program, to which the attendance, practical, examination, and evaluation requirements as outlined in the informational and explanatory material described in X.1.5, each enrollee shall be certified to officiate at any MSED A sanctioned competition, within their respective disciplines.

Note: Eventing Judges are eligible to judge all dressage levels at MSED A sanctioned competitions. Dressage judges may judge the dressage phase of an Eventing Competition but may not officiate as President of the Ground Jury or judge any jumping phase.

MSED A-certified judges shall be included on the MSED A Roster of Officials made available to organizers of dressage and eventing competitions.

XI.9.a "L" Graduate Policy – Non-member USDF "L" graduates may apply for guest cards to judge dressage at MSED A sanctioned competitions. The guest cards are good for one year from date of issue. Application should be made to the chair of the MSED A Officials Committee. After the year has expired, "L" graduates wishing to continue judging at MSED A shows must become MSED A members and follow the continuing education guidelines for MSED A dressage-only judges.

"L" graduates who join MSED A may judge for one year at MSED A sanctioned competitions without having to meet continuing education requirements. After their first year, they must follow the continuing education guidelines for MSED A dressage-only judges.

- XI.10.** Recertification of MSED A Judges. All MSED A Officials will be required to be recertified. They may choose to attend the Biennial Recertification Session or complete the Continuing Education requirements as listed below. Failure to complete recertification at the appropriate time shall cause the judge's name to be removed from the MSED A Roster of Officials until the individual completes the recertification requirements or provides written documentation of alternative continuing education which can be considered by the Board of Directors for substitution of these requirements

within a time period determined by the Board. In the event that a judge does not attend the biennial recertification session or complete their continuing education program provided by MSED A, his/her certification will be suspended; he/she may seek recertification by attending the next biennial recertification session provided by MSED A or provide proof of eight (8) hours' time scribing for an USEF judge at an USEF-recognized competition with the past six (6) months or attendance at an USEF Judges Forum within the past twelve (12) months. Any judge inactive for more than two (2) years shall permanently forfeit his/her MSED A certification but may seek recertification by satisfactory completion of the MSED A Officials Program. Any substitution and/or waiver for these requirements will be at the discretion of the MSED A Board of Directors.

XI.11. Continuing Education (CE). CE is designed to make it relatively easy to work continuing education into the competition year and to allow MSED A and USDF "L" graduates to receive their continuing education in their local areas. The CE requirements are designed to go over a two-year cycle, so that every two years each official will have completed one item # A activity and one item # B activity.

XI.11.a. All MSED A certified officials and MSED A – recognized "L" graduates shall, at least every two years, attend one activity in which they will learn about theory related to their official position. For dressage judges and eventing judges, this may include USEF, USEA or USDF judges' forums, and "L" judge training sessions or continuing education seminars. For dressage only TDs, attendance at the annual officials' meeting (if available) shall satisfy the "theory" requirement. Eventing TDs and eventing judges shall attend guided cross-country course walk during one two-year period and doing a guided stadium course walk during the following two-year period. Periodically Continuing Education seminars will be offered by the Officials Committee. These CE seminars do count in the fulfillment of the requirements above.

XI.11.b. All MSED A certified officials and MSED A-recognized "L" graduates shall, at least every two years, participate in an activity that involves shadowing or working for a USEF/FEI level official. For dressage judges and eventing judges, this may include 8 hours of scribing for or sitting with an USEF/FEI dressage judge. For dressage only TDs, this may include 8 hours of scoring or working in the show office at a USEF dressage show or shadowing a USEF dressage TD for 8 hours. For eventing TDs and eventing judges, this may include 8 hours of stadium scribing or observing stadium judging at a USEF/USEA event, or 8 hours of shadowing a USEF eventing TD. For the Stadium Judge, they will need to practice judge/scribe under two separate USEF Licensed Officials during the stadium phase of a USEF recognized Combined Test or Event for a minimum of 4 hours each. The licensed official should submit an Activity Completion form to the Competitions Committee chairperson(s) to verify this activity and that the MSED A official is deemed competent to complete their duties. Please note that eventing judges must complete both dressage judge and eventing TD requirements.

XI.12. Removal. In addition to the cause for removal outlined in X.1.8, a MSED A judge may be removed from the MSED A Roster of Officials if that individual does not, in the judgment of the MSED A Board of Directors, serve in a manner which represents the best interests of MSED A or the sports of dressage and eventing.

Article XII

MSED A Technical Delegates

XII.1. Duties of the Technical Delegate

- Safeguard the welfare of the horse.
- Protect the interests of competitors, judges, and Competition management.
- When they become aware of a potential violation of MSED A rules, without waiting for a protest, investigate and notify the appropriate individual or official, and, if not rectified, issue a warning.
- Assist Competition management to ensure that every effort is made to provide for a safe competition.
- Confirm that all judges are certified for the divisions to which they have been assigned, and if not, report the alleged rule violation.
- Report on the suitability of the competition facilities in all aspects, including stabling. The Technical Delegate must commence his/her duties early enough to deal with these matters.
- A Technical Delegate should clearly understand that he/she has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition.

XII.2. In addition to the responsibilities of a technical delegate listed above, the powers, duties and responsibilities of a technical delegate are as follows:

1. General Duties for Combined Test, Mini Trial, and Horse Trial Technical Delegates
 - a. Help the Ground Jury to supervise the technical conduct of the competition, including after he/she has indicated to the President of the Ground Jury that he/she is satisfied with the arrangements. Until he/she has indicated to the Ground Jury that he/she is satisfied with all the arrangements, the authority of the technical delegate shall be absolute.
 - b. Courses and Arenas
 1. Inspect the courses and arenas to ensure that the technical details are in accordance with the rules and regulations.
 2. Instruct the Organizing Committee to make any alterations to the course(s) or arena(s) or to any technical detail associated with the conduct of the competition which he/she considers necessary.

3. Be satisfied that the course is fair, at the standard of the level offered, and that knowledge of local conditions does not play any part.
2. General Duties for Dressage Technical Delegates
 - a. Inspect the arenas to ensure that the technical details are in accordance with the rules and regulations.
 - b. Advise Competition Management to make necessary changes to arenas, schooling areas, or other facilities in order to comply with the rules.
 - c. At Dressage Competitions, to observe and report that management and competitors are in compliance with all Dressage Division regulations regarding these MSEDAs rules.

XII.3. Purpose. MSEDAs shall, from time to time, organize a technical delegate program or offer a self-led training program to the members of the MSEDAs for the opportunity to receive education and training to become a MSEDAs-licensed technical delegate (TD). Qualified individuals will then be able to serve as technical delegates for MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions.

XII.3.a. Conduct of Officials. All officials are required to have their current rule books and updates with them at a show.

XII.4. Eligibility. Any MSEDAs member in good standing so recorded in the records of the MSEDAs and who meets the following prerequisites is eligible to make application for enrollment in the Technical Delegate Program:

Dressage TD

- (1) Serve as an apprentice TD at two different USDF/USDF competitions under two different USDF TDs and run by two different Organizing Committees; and
- (2) Serve as a volunteer for a total of ten hours in scoring at a minimum of two different dressage shows run by two different Organizing Committees.

Eventing TD

- (1) Serve as an apprentice at three different USEF horse trials under a minimum of two different USEF Eventing TDs: a. two of these horse trials must include the Preliminary level b. two of these horse trials must include the Beginner Novice level
- (2) Accompany the TD and Ground Jury on inspection of the Show Jumping Course at the above horse trials; and
- (3) Attend either one course walk at each level – Beginner Novice through Preliminary. May be any Nunn Finer Course Walk or any MSEDAs-sponsored Course Walk; attendance at any USEA/USEF Eventing TD Training Program may be substituted for the above course walk requirements;

OR

Attend two cross-country course planning visits for two different USEF horse trials. May be TD's planning visit, Course Designer's visit, or Course Advisor's visit.

- XII.5.** Fees. Any fees required to participate in the MSED A Technical Delegate Program shall be determined by the MSED A Board of Directors.
- XII.6.** Auditors. Individuals may audit any session of the MSED A Technical Delegate Program for a fee determined by the MSED A Board of Directors. Auditors need not be members of the MSED A.
- XII.7.** Organization. The organization of the MSED A Technical Delegate Program shall be approved by the MSED A Board of Directors and shall be presented as an informational and explanatory piece separate from these Rules and Guidelines. It shall outline the requirements for enrollment, fee schedules, session content, and certification procedures.
- XII.8.** Certification. Upon satisfactory completion of an MSED A Technical Delegate Program, to wit the attendance, practical examination, and evaluation requirements described in XI.1.5, each enrollee shall be certified to serve as a technical delegate at MSED A sanctioned dressage shows and eventing competitions. MSED A-certified technical delegates shall be included on the MSED A Roster of Officials made available to organizers of dressage and eventing competitions.
- XII.9.** Recertification of MSED A Technical Delegates. Those individuals who have been certified by MSED A as outlined in XI.1.7. to serve as technical delegates at dressage or eventing competitions must be recertified every year following initial certification by submitting a fee determined by the Board of Directors to MSED A and being a member in good standing of MSED A.

In addition, failure to complete recertification at the appropriate time shall cause the technical delegate's name to be removed from the MSED A Roster of Officials until the individual completes the alternative requirements as outlined below within a time period determined by the Board or provides written documentation of alternative continuing education which can be considered by the Board of Directors for substitution of these requirements.

In the event that a technical delegate does not attend the biennial recertification session provided by MSED A, his/her certification will be suspended; he/she may seek recertification by attending the next biennial recertification session provided by MSED A or provide proof of serving as an apprentice for an USEF technical delegate at an USEF recognized eventing competition within the past six (6) months or attendance at an USEF Technical Delegate Forum within the past twelve (12) months. Any technical delegate inactive for more than two (2) years shall permanently forfeit his/her MSED A certification but may seek recertification by satisfactory completion of the MSED A Technical Delegate Program. Any substitution and/or waiver for these requirements will be at the discretion of the MSED A Board of Directors.

XII.10. Suspension. All MSEDAs certified technical delegates are subject to the Rules and Guidelines of the Organization. Officials who fail to submit the required report(s) to the Sanctioning Chair within the required time frame may be subject to suspension of his/her Official's credentials by vote of the Board. Upon first offense, the Official will be sent a letter with a specified date by which to comply. Failure to comply by said date will result in suspension of the Official's certification until the report(s) are submitted or until dispensation is granted by the Board. Repeated failure to submit reports in a timely manner may result in withdrawal of the Official's credentials upon vote of the Board; failure to submit reports within six (6) months from the date of the respective competition(s) shall result in automatic withdrawal of the Official's certification. The Official must reapply and complete the requirements as determined by the Board before being reinstated as a MSEDAs certified technical delegate.

XII.11. Removal. In addition to the cause for removal outlined in X.1.8, a MSEDAs technical delegate may be removed from the MSEDAs Roster of Officials if that individual does not, in the judgment of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, serve in a manner which represents the best interests of MSEDAs or the sports of dressage and eventing.

Article XIII

Other Officials & Staff

XIII.1. Qualified medical personnel, with suitable equipment and with no other duties, must be on grounds during all scheduled competitions. Qualified Medical personnel is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in the profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. The minimum requirement is an EMT/Paramedic who is pre-hospital trained.

XIII.2. A MSEDAs sanctioned competition must have a Vet on call and the number clearly posted at the Secretary's Stand or Show Office.

XIII.3. MSEDAs sanctioned competitions are not required to have a farrier on grounds during the competition.

Article XIV

Grants

XIV.1. Purpose: To provide financial and organizational support to our membership through offering two different grants, the MSEDAs General Educational Grant and the Christine Brown Memorial Grant. These grants are to aid and further education in the disciplines of dressage, eventing and general horsemanship.

XIV.2. Issuance. Each year MSED A may award grants to members who apply and meet the requirements, as determined by the MSED A Board of Directors and the MSED A Education Committee.

XIV.3. Eligibility. Only members in good standing with MSED A are eligible to apply for and be awarded any grant offered by MSED A. For the purposes of any MSED A grant, a member is in good standing when their membership from the previous membership year, the current membership year and the following membership year dues is paid in full. If the use of the grant is carried onto the next membership year, membership is also required for that year for any grant money to be distributed. Members are also required to complete at least 8 volunteer hours (at least 4 must be earned by the applicant themselves) to be eligible for the above-mentioned grants.

XIV.4. Selection. Grant applications must be submitted no later than December 15 of each calendar year and will be reviewed by the Education Committee, which will recommend qualified recipients to the MSED A Board of Directors. Selected grant recipients will be announced at the MSED A Annual Meeting. MSED A grant recipients will be required to present at least one form of proof or certificate of attendance/completion (a signature from trainer, clinician, etc.) related to their specific grant activity in order to be considered as having fulfilled their grant requirements. The proposed type of proof must receive approval from the MSED A Education Committee. This certificate of attendance must be sent to the Chair of the Education Committee. If this is not submitted within one calendar year the recipient must reimburse MSED A for the entire grant amount.

XIV.5. Amount of Grants. At this time, two Grants are being offered, a MSED A General Education Grant in the amount of \$500 and a Christine Brown Memorial Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00. At the discretion of the MSED A Education Committee and/or the MSED A Board of Directors, these grants can be altered, or additional grants can be given.

XIV.6 Disbursement of Grants. Recipients of any grant given out by MSED A will have 2 calendar years from the awarding at the MSED A Annual Banquet to use their funds. Half of the amount of the scholarship will be given at the time of presentation at the annual banquet and the other half will be awarded after the Chair of the Education Committee has received and approved a copy of a Certificate of attendance/completion.

MSEDA General Education Grant

Purpose: To help MSEDA members further their equine education by providing financial assistance to do so. By accepting the grant money, the recipient agrees to share their experience with the membership.

Applicant restriction: Each year this grant may be awarded to one member, in good standing with the association. Membership dues must be paid in full for the years when the grant application is submitted, awarded and utilized. There is also a requirement that eight volunteer hours must be accumulated (4 being performed by the applicant themselves, the others can be donated) to be eligible to receive this grant, the use of this grant must be related to education and horses. This may include lessons, attendance at a clinic or symposium, etc. The grants may not be used to purchase tack, clothing, feed, make trailer payments; farm payments, truck payments, etc. The funding must be used by December 31 of the year after the grant is awarded.

Amount: \$500

Qualifications and requirements:

1. Applicant to be a current member of MSEDA, in good standing. (for good standing, see definition above.)
2. Brief essay from the Applicant stating how the applicant will use the Grant and why they believe they deserve it.
3. What the applicant hopes to achieve with it (short- and long-term goals), and how they can personally “give back” to MSEDA and its membership.
4. Application must be postmarked by December 15.

Suggested items may include:

1. Letter of Support/Recommendation from Applicant’s training professional
2. Riders may submit a short video with their application.
3. Riders may submit scores from either USDF/USEA/USEF
4. Professional or personal references

Applicants must complete an application form that will be reviewed by the MSEDA Education Committee. This application form can be found on the MSEDA website under the resources heading, then in the forms section. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they conform to the spirit and intent of the Grant’s purpose and meet all requirements.

Acceptance of the grant obligates the recipient to complete the proposed activity to “give back” to the MSEDA membership. Some examples include writing an article for the MSEDA Newsletter describing how the grant money was used and how it benefited the recipient, organizing a clinic for MSEDA membership, etc. Additionally, the trainer or clinic/symposium

organizer must confirm in writing that the training occurred or was attended. MSEDAs will also have the right to publish photos in the newsletter or for future advertising if it so chooses.

\$250 will be given to the recipient upon award. The remaining \$250 will be given upon completion of the activity and all required documentation is received and approved by the Education Chair.

Applications **must be submitted** by December 15.

MSEDA Christine Brown Memorial Grant

I have learned that certain people will have a permanent imprint on your life, and they will always stick with you. Those people are there for you in mundane everyday matters, when things get tough, or when you're celebrating and happy. Christine Brown was one of those people for me. She was not only my friend, but she was a mentor, a trainer and a life coach. She always wanted the best for me, a quality that is rarely found. This scholarship is a perfect way to honor her, doing something in her name to help someone else. That was Christine. She gave her time generously helping others, whether they were 2 legged or 4. - Megan Lynn

Purpose: To help MSEDAs members further their equine education by providing financial assistance to do so. By accepting the grant money, the recipient agrees to share their experience with the membership.

Applicant restriction: Each year this grant may be awarded to one member, in good standing with the club. For the 2016 membership year, this means that their 2015 membership has been paid in full (the year of the application of the grant) and their 2016 membership is also paid in full (the year that the grant money will be used). If the use of the grant monies carries onto the next membership year (2017), the membership dues are also required for that year. There is also a requirement that eight volunteer hours must be accumulated (4 being performed by the applicant themselves, the others can be donated) to be eligible to receive this grant, the use of this grant must be related to education and horses. This may include lessons, attendance at a clinic or symposium, etc. The grants may not be used to purchase tack, clothing, feed, make trailer payments; farm payments, truck payments, etc. The grant funding must be used by December 31 of the following year.

Amount: \$1,500.00

Qualifications and requirements:

1. Applicant to be a current member of MSEDAs, in good standing.
2. Brief essay from the Applicant stating how the applicant will use the Grant and why they believe they deserve it.
3. What the applicant hopes to achieve with it (short- and long-term goals), and how they can personally "give back" to MSEDAs and its membership.
4. Application must be postmarked by December 15.

Suggested items may include:

1. Letter of Support/Recommendation from Applicant's training professional
2. Riders may submit a short video with their application.
3. Riders may submit scores from either USDF/USEA/USEF
4. Professional or personal references

Applicants must complete an application form that will be reviewed by the MSED A Education Committee. This application form can be found on the MSED A website under the resources heading, then in the forms section. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they conform to the spirit and intent of the Grant's purpose and meet all requirements.

Acceptance of the grant obligates the recipient to complete a proposed activity to "give back" to the MSED A membership. Some examples include writing an article for the MSED A Newsletter describing how the grant money was used and how it benefited the recipient, organizing a clinic for MSED A membership, etc. Additionally, the trainer or clinic/symposium organizer must confirm in writing that the training occurred or was attended. MSED A will also have the right to publish photos in the newsletter or for future advertising if it so chooses.

\$750.00 will be given to the recipient upon award. The remaining \$750.00 will be given upon completion of the activity and when all required documentation is received and approved by the Education Chair.

Applications **must be submitted** by December 15.

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