



# Dallas Dressage Club



## 2009 COMPETITION YEAR NATIONAL MERIT SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

USDF Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DDC Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be current & in good standing)

National Championship Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Championship Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Sponsorship Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see limits in Terms and Conditions)

### Minimum Requirements for Sponsorship Funds:

- I have completed 12 Volunteer Hours at a DDC event during this membership year.

Authorizing Signature (DDC Board Member): \_\_\_\_\_

- I also agree to the attached Terms and Conditions. \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

Authorizing Signature (DDC Board Member): \_\_\_\_\_

### Terms and Conditions:

I understand that sponsorships are intended for Nationally Recognized Championship competitions and are granted on a funds available basis (up to \$250 per National Breed show, up to \$500 per USEF/USDF National Championship per year). I also understand that sponsorships awarded are subject to review and approval by the Dallas Dressage Club Board of Directors (DDC Board) as per information presented above. I also understand that funds are disbursed after the competition upon presentation to the treasurer of appropriate receipts which will not include any travel fees or lodging/hotel fees. It is generally assumed that the minimum qualifying scores will have been met at the time of Championship entry and Show Secretary will have verified eligibility to compete. The Dallas Dressage Club will only award up to four (4) sponsorships per membership year. A DDC member may not apply for both a National Merit Sponsorship and a DDC Board Scholarship in the same year. Recipients are limited to one award (DDC Board Scholarship or DDC National Merit Sponsorship) per year from the Dallas Dressage Club.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed at DDC Board Meeting (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Disbursed date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: this form replaces National Merit sponsorship and application for Junior/Young Rider Sponsorship (edition 2005)

## **Guidelines for National Merit Sponsorships**

### Intent:

The intent of the National Merit Sponsorship program is to encourage all riders to compete at the National (vs. Regional) levels and is to serve as recognition of their excellence.

### Proposed eligibility qualifications for National Merit Sponsorship consideration:

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of the Dallas Dressage Club.
2. Applicant must have completed 12 hours of volunteer service at a DDC function/show/event.
3. Applicant must actively participate in the Silent Auction by either providing items for the auction or working in the auction itself.
4. Provide the club with an oral or written report detailing the experience and what was learned (to be a maximum of 15 minutes).
5. USDF qualifying score at the level – minimum required.
6. Application form must be completed in its entirety and submitted prior to competition. Funds are disbursed after competition has completed.
7. National Merit Sponsorships are awarded on a funds available basis.

### Proposed Funding Limits:

1. USEF/USDF National Championships participants are awarded up to \$500.00 per application.
2. National Breed Show (highest show of year at the National and/or International Level) participants are awarded up to \$250.00 per application.
3. All funds not to include travel or lodging expenses. Receipts must be presented post-competition for verification of entry and competitions expenses incurred.
4. A DDC member may not apply for both a National Merit Sponsorship and a DDC Board Scholarship in the same year. Recipients are limited to one award (DDC Board Scholarship or DDC National Merit Sponsorship) per year from the Dallas Dressage Club.

I agree to the terms and conditions set forth on page 1 of Application and page 2 of Terms and Conditions. I also certify that information presented on both pages is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_