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Dear Eventing Athletes,

The 2023 Jacqueline B. Mars National Competition and Training Grants Applications are available through your [Athlete Dashboard](#) within your USEF account. Applications are open for the National Grants and the deadline is **March 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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 senior team (Olympics or FEI World Championships) and have earned, via results and potential, the opportunity to travel overseas (International Grant) or to another part of the country (National Grant).

### **2023 Jacqueline B. Mars National Competition and Training Grants**

#### **Grant Amount:**

There is \$17,000 in funding available. Up to 3 athletes will receive grants out of this funding to prepare for and attend a competition that is more than 1,500 miles from their home base. Eligible competitions include:

- A combination of CCI-S and CCI-L competitions that provide an extended experience (both competition and training) more than 1,500 miles from the athlete's home.
- A CCI4\*-L or CCI5\*-L event that is part of the long-term development of the athlete more than 1,500 miles from the athlete's home.

#### **Grant Criteria and Eligibility:**

- Athlete has not competed on an Eventing senior team (Olympics or FEI World Championships).
- Athlete must be a U.S. citizen.
- The athlete and horse must have 2023 FEI Registrations.
- 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 horse must be recorded and in good standing with USEF pursuant to [USEF General Rule 1102](#) from the time of the application through the conclusion of the event.
- 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.

Athlete/horse combinations will be expected (but not required) to have achieved their pre-determined targets at CCI4\*-L and/or CCI5\*-L level within the previous six months.

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(s) 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](mailto: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:

- [2023 USEF Competing Membership](#)
- [2023 FEI Registration](#)

Horse(s):

- [2023 FEI Registration](#)
- [USEF Lifetime Recording](#)
- 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](mailto:gstobbs@usef.org) or at (859) 225-6929 if you have any questions.

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