



**To:** Potential 2021 Emerging Athlete Program Applicants  
**From:** Christina Vaughn, Director, Eventing Performance and Program Support  
**Date:** November 2, 2020  
**Re:** 2021 Emerging Athlete Program

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#### MEMORANDUM

Dear Potential 2021 Emerging Athlete Program Applicants,

The 2021 Emerging Athlete Program Application will open today, **Tuesday, November 2, 2020**. Applications will be located in the Athlete Dashboard area of your MY USEF online account. Please note that all USEF programs are subject to funding. The 2021 Budget has not been confirmed.

Log into your My USEF Member Account → Athlete Dashboard → Online Applications → Eventing → Year: 2021

2021 Emerging Athlete Eligibility and Application Requirements:

- Athlete must be 25 years old or younger according to the FEI (born on or after January 1, 1996).
- Applicant must have achieved an MER at a CCI3\*-L.
  - a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).
  - b) Cross Country Test
    - A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)
    - Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.
  - c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.
- Applicants may be 'talent spotted' if they do not meet the criteria but still **must** submit an application.
- Athlete must be an USEF Active member.

Applications will be due **Monday, November 30, 2020**. **No** late applications will be accepted! Only those who have applied will be considered.

The Performance Advisory Team (PAT) will review all applications and invite selected athletes to participate in a two-day assessment with Development and Emerging Athlete Coach, Leslie Law. The assessment will allow Leslie, with the assistance of additional members of the PAT, to evaluate the applicants more effectively for selection into the Emerging Athlete Program.

After the assessments, the PAT will name the official 2021 USEF Emerging Athlete participants. If selected, athletes will continue to work with Leslie throughout the year. The program will have an annual selection. Starting in 2020, athletes may participate in the program for a maximum of four years. The expectation is that athletes would progress to the Development program by the age of 25 or within four years.

Upon completion of your application, you will receive an email confirming the date your application was submitted. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your application, IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION to contact US Equestrian to determine if it has been received.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Vaughn [cvaughn@usef.org](mailto:cvaughn@usef.org).

Sincerely,

Christina Vaughn

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