



**USHJA FOUNDATION  
MAKING A DREAM GRANT APPLICATION**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

USHJA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Nominating Candidate (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a: Trainer  Parent  Friend  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a USHJA member? Yes  Member # \_\_\_\_\_ No

If you are not the applicant, is the person you are nominating aware that you have submitted their name to receive this award? Yes  No

If selected may we use this story for marketing purposes? Yes  No  (recipient must approve if under 18 please have a parents approval)



Signature of applicant or person nominating applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent's Signature (if applicant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS FORM:**

- Provide a personal letter describing yourself (or the person you're nominating) and how you feel the "Making a Dream" grant would make a difference in your journey as a hunter/jumper equestrian.
- Applicant's most recent tax return and/or any tax return on which the applicant is claimed as a dependent.
- Three, one-page letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, coaches or trainers and/or those you reported to during your community service. Letters should detail your background, achievements, examples of leadership and community involvement. One letter must be from the applicant's trainer and at least one from a USHJA member. *Letters from relatives or form letters will not be accepted.*
- Completed Dream Experience Menu (see next page)

**Submit completed application by email or postal mail to:**  
[foundation@ushja.org](mailto:foundation@ushja.org) | USHJA Foundation, 3870 Cigar Lane, Lexington, KY 40511

**Notes:**

The USHJA Foundation Board of Directors reserves the right to rescind any "Making a Dream" grant should an applicant no longer be deemed eligible. All financial, medical, and health information is kept confidential and used for review only by the USHJAF Review Panel.



## USHJA FOUNDATION MAKING A DREAM GRANT DREAM EXPERIENCE MENU

Below is a menu of potential activities to fulfill your Making a Dream grant. Please prioritize these menu items in order of what interests you most, with #1 being what you are most interested in. We will do our best to provide as many as desired, as feasible.

**Option 1: If I Were the Judge**

Ask Show Management to coordinate a time with each of our grant recipients to collect judges' cards from the show office, find a place ring-side and show how he/she would judge a couple of classes. Ideally, there will be coordination to choose classes of interest to our grant recipient and will be both over fence and under saddle.

**Option 2: Learn from the Pros**

Spend time shadowing a trainer in your discipline of choice to learn what it takes to be a successful equestrian professional.

Select One:     Hunter     Jumper     Equitation

**Option 3: Behind the Scenes**

Time in the horse show office to understand all of the intricacies of what goes on behind the scenes to make the exhibitor's experience positive. Get a customer service view of horse show management and learn what details must occur for the show to go on!

**Option 4: Walk the Course**

Walk the Course with a Grand Prix Rider/Meet with the Course Designer. Photo Ops.

**Option 5: Horsemanship from Head to Tail**

Shadow a top-notch show groom for a day rising with the sun to feed, unwrap, and prep for the day; take horses to and from the ring, and ready them for rest and the next day of competition. Learn about the intricacies of how this stable works.



**Option 6: Know Before Your Next Show**

Spend time with the horse show steward on many of the issues that highlight the importance of knowing our rules. Ask questions about dispute resolution. Watch and understand the process of measuring ponies and junior horses. Stand with the Schooling Supervisor at this show and observe every nuance in the training areas. Make yourself a better exhibitor by seeing the show through the eyes of those who safeguard our rules.

**Option 7: Derby or Grand Prix Day – Award the Winners!**

Watch the event and then join the show’s sponsors in the winner’s circle to help present the winning horse and rider combo their beautiful awards. You will be in all of the photos and meet the representatives of the companies that are so important to our sport!

**Option 8: On the Air!**

Understand the importance of communication over the airwaves between the jobs of the Starter and the Announcer. See how they communicate with each other, the Judge, other officials, and how the Starter gets Exhibitors in the ring. See why this is vital to accuracy, making a show fun, and keeping it running on time. Help in any capacity in communications, errands and awarding ribbons as the jobs may require.

**Who are your equestrian idols?**

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