

# 2017-2018 REBECCA BROUSSARD DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL RIDER GRANT PROGRAM

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## **BACKGROUND:**

This grant is bestowed by the Broussard Charitable Foundation through the United States Eventing Association Foundation in honor of the memory of Rebecca Chaney Broussard. Mrs. Broussard supported numerous international riders through both her generous financial contributions and horse ownership. Mrs. Broussard (familiarily known as “Becky”) was truly respected and admired by all who knew her, and the sport of Eventing has benefited at all levels from her extraordinary vision, involvement and loyalty.

The annual Event at Rebecca Farm was the fulfillment of Mrs. Broussard’s vision by creating a world-class international facility for education and competition. This year, 2017, will host the 16th anniversary of the Event at Rebecca Farm including both national and international formats of the Sport of eventing. And only a brief six years ago, the inauguration of the Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider Grant was established as the culmination of Becky’s dreams to create and to fund a grant with the goal to inspire, advance the skills and expand the knowledge of developing riders at the international level.

The five year program achieved Becky’s vision of developing international event riders. Within these first five years of the initial generous grant of over \$250,000, over 75 individual grants have been made available. Of the grants utilized from Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider Grant Program, an outstanding 68% have gone on to start at the only four-star event competition in the United States, Rolex Kentucky. From a large influx of donations, the grant program was able to expand to include a \$10,000 for rider development targeted by pushing the international quality competition level within the United States. At the international level, Sharon White, Jolie Wentworth, Katy Groesbeck, Matt Brown, Tamie Smith, and Jennie Brannigan each winners of the \$30,000 grant made the next step as an international rider and have become the leaders within the eventing community. They are the riders that continue to create the legacy of the Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider and inspire us.

## GRANT PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The Rebecca Broussard Developing International Riders Grants are designed to assist and to encourage the development of event riders at the highest level of the sport. These grants will be awarded to offset some of the travel and training expenses in the pursuit of achieving the qualities of an international rider with the skills necessary to represent United States of America in the team sport of eventing. These grants are not available to any rider that has already achieved the honor of representing United States of America at the international CCI0 3\* or CCI4\* eventing competitions.

### **The Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider Grant Fund has been separated into three types of grants:**

- **Travel Grants** - The first grants will be awarded to multiple riders that display the potential qualities of an international rider. These grants will be used to offset some of the travel expenses to compete at the Event at Rebecca Farm CIC3\*& CCI3\*, held on July 19-23, 2017. A simple travel budget application must be submitted to USEA Foundation, which is attached to this document.
- **National International Rider Grant** - \$10,000 grant for the educational development of an International quality rider based on competition within the national system of eventing. Interviews are open to all FEI level riders. The recipient of this grant will be selected by the grant committee based on performance record, interview, and involvement with the eventing community.
- **Global International Rider Grant** - \$30,000 grant for the educational development of an international quality rider based on competition on the global stage of eventing. Interviews are open to all FEI level riders. The recipient of this grant will be selected by the grant committee based on performance record, interview, and involvement with the eventing community.

The Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider Grant Fund Committee has been assembled and will be tasked with evaluating applications and awarding grants. This grant program was developed and was implemented with the warmest respect and adoration of Rebecca Broussard by the following initial grant committee: Sarah Broussard, Kevin Baumgardner, Loris Henry, Beth Lendrum, Louise Leslie, Karen O'Connor, Howard Simpson, Kyra Stuart, Richard Thompson, and Jo Whitehouse.

With the continued affection for the legacy of Rebecca Broussard, the following grant committee of 2017-2018 has been bestowed the honor of this important grant to USEA Eventing:

**Committee:** Louise Leslie (Chairperson), Sharon Anthony, Kevin Baumgardner, Beth Lendrum, Howard Simpson, Carol Kozlowski (USEA President), Jo Whitehouse (USEA Foundation)

**Rider Committee:** Sharon White (Chairperson), Jolie Wentworth, Katie Groesbeck, Matt Brown, Tamra Smith, Jennie Brannigan

We welcome all applications that are submitted as long as they adhere to the following guidelines:

## GUIDELINES:

1. The Event at Rebecca Farm Travel Grant application must be in the USEA office on or before June 20, 2017. The two types of International Rebecca Broussard Grants application must be in the USEA office on or before November 1, 2017.
2. The Event at Rebecca Farm Travel Grants will be awarded by the USEA Foundation in honor of Rebecca Broussard by July 1, 2017.



The two International Rebecca Broussard Grants will be awarded by the USEA Foundation in honor of Rebecca Broussard at the 2017 USEA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

3. You must include a financial plan for your method of achieving the qualities necessary for competing at the international level of eventing.
  - a. The Travel Grant application must be completed and include your travel financial plan towards attending and the intent of competing at the Event at Rebecca Farm, July 2017 at the CIC3\* or CCI3\* level.
  - b. Any FEI rider attending and competing at the Event at Rebecca Farm, the two larger International Rebecca Broussard Grant applicants will be selected. These selected riders will be requested to complete a more detailed application, which will include a detailed travel plan necessary for international competition. This application will be given to the riders at the conclusion of the grant interviews.
4. The competitors under consideration for the International Rebecca Broussard Grants will be requested to interview with the Grant committee following the first horse inspection of the CIC3\* & CCI3\* at the Event at Rebecca Farm.
5. Once the final recipients and amounts of the Event at Rebecca Farm Travel Grants have been determined the monies will be awarded. The International Rebecca Broussard Grant funds will be released by the USEA Foundation upon 30 days of approval of receipts. It is upon good faith these funds will be used appropriately. In cases where travel to the Event at Rebecca Farm or an International competition are not achievable, recoverable funds shall be returned to the USEA Foundation.

## **CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

1. Any application arriving after the due date.
2. Any incomplete application.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

This grant is restricted to individuals that meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have successfully competed at the Advanced level of eventing and who are in good standing with USEA/USEF and potential to represent an international team competition.
2. Applicant must be able to document a successful competitive record.
3. Applicant must have one or more horses available to him or her for the purpose of competing that, as a combination with the applicant, have demonstrated the ability to compete at the Advanced level of eventing. Applicant's horse(s) may be evaluated subject to the advice of the USEF High Performance Veterinary Panel. Applicant agrees to make his or her horse(s) available for veterinary inspection upon request.
4. Applicant must detail a program aimed at competing at a CCI3\* within 18 months and CCI4\* within 24 months of the Event at Rebecca Farm.
5. Applicant must NOT have been a representative of the USA in team competitions of eventing at the CCI03\* or CCI04\* level.



# THE INTERNATIONAL REBECCA BROUSSARD GRANTS APPLICATION

## PROCEDURE:

- The International Rebecca Broussard Grant application must be in the USEA office on or before November 1, 2017. The recipient will be announced at the USEA Annual Meeting, December 2017
- Competitors eligible for the International Rebecca Broussard Grant will be selected from riders entered at the CIC3\* & CCI3\* division of the Event at Rebecca Farm. Riders in these divisions, that did not receive an event travel grant, are also encouraged to interview for the International Grants.
- Selected Riders will be requested to submit a written application which will include a detailed international travel budget.
- Selected Riders will be interviewed in person, by the Grant committee following the first horse inspection of the Event at Rebecca Farm.
- The selection of the International Rebecca Broussard Grant recipient will be based on the written application and qualifications stated therein, committee interview and competition results (at The Event at Rebecca Farm and elsewhere).

## INTERVIEW:

The International Rebecca Broussard Grant requires an interview by the committee following the first horse inspection at the Event at Rebecca Farm. The following typical questions may be asked by the interviewing committee. Please note that an Applicant may be asked additional or different questions.

- If selected for the Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider Grant, how do you intend to spend the money in order to enhance your international development?
- What would your fellow riders, competitors, owners and trainers say are your greatest assets and strengths? What would your fellow riders, competitors, owners and trainers say are your weakest points?
- How would this Grant contribute to your goals? How do you see this grant affecting your personal growth and development as an International Rider? What does being an “International Rider” mean to you? How would you represent the United States of America at International Competition?
- What criteria do you use to establish goals for both you and your horse (s)? How would this grant contribute to your goals?
- How would you inform others the importance of receiving this grant in making available international eventing experience? How would you display your gratitude to the Sport when presented with the opportunities presented with this Grant?
- How would you give back to the sport of eventing?



# THE INTERNATIONAL REBECCA BROUSSARD TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

USEA # \_\_\_\_\_ USEF # \_\_\_\_\_ FEI # \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

*Entered for The Event at Rebecca Farm*

24 MONTH FORECASTED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION GOALS:

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A REBECCA BROUSSARD GRANT PREVIOUSLY?  YES  NO  
IF YES, HOW MUCH WAS THE AMOUNT OF YOUR GRANT? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A CITIZEN AND POTENTIAL TEAM MEMBER FOR UNITED STATES?  YES  NO

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE SEND INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO:**  
USEA Foundation  
525 Old Waterford Rd. NW  
Leesburg, VA 20176  
Must be received by June 20, 2017  
Questions? Email [rebeccabroussardgrant@useventing.com](mailto:rebeccabroussardgrant@useventing.com)



# THE FOLLOWING IS ONLY A SAMPLE OF THE APPLICATION GIVEN AT THE INTERVIEWS AT THE EVENT AT REBECCA FARM

## *The International Rebecca Broussard Grant Application*

Please answer the following questions on a separate paper(s):

I. What are your competitive accomplishments in Horse Trials and Three-Day Events?

II. What are your competitive goals? Detail a program aimed at competing in a CCI3\* or International Event of higher degree of difficulty.

III. Expense information PER YEAR:

Please indicate totals and explain details. (You may supply additional documents if necessary.)

Basic Living Expenses:

Housing/Food

Training Expenses:

Coaching Fees

Other:

Equipment:

Entry Fees

Travel Costs

Education

IV. How would the Rebecca Broussard Developing International Rider Grant Fund specifically contribute to your goals? Please keep in mind that the use of these funds must be documented. This Grant is not to be used to pay pre-existing expenses.

V. Is there anything that you would like people to know about you that hasn't been covered in the answers above?



# **THE INTERNATIONAL REBECCA BROUSSARD GRANT APPLICATION COMPETITOR BIO**

PLEASE FILL IN ALL ITEMS THAT ARE APPLICABLE.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMETOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE EARNED: \_\_\_\_\_

POST GRADUATE STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR COMPETITIVE CAREER (HORSE TRIALS AND THREE-DAY EVENTS) RESULTS:



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