

# SVDA Education Scholarship Program

## **PURPOSE:**

To encourage the continuing advancement in dressage of SVDA members. And to encourage active participation and volunteering by SVDA members.

## **BUDGET:**

The Board of Directors has budgeted \$800 per year, for two \$400 grants to be awarded to two different members of SVDA in April each year. (2/03) Members must meet the following qualifications:

1. Two full years of membership in SVDA prior to the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
2. A minimum of 20 hours of volunteer hours to benefit SVDA
3. Participations in the SVDA fundraising project.

## **ELIGIBLE EVENTS:**

1. Clinics for training of the horse and rider combination
2. Clinics for training of the rider

\*NOTE\* the training of the horse that does not include the education of the SVDA member is not eligible for fund use. Instruction with the rider's regular local instructor is not allowed, nor is food, transportation or lodging.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

Application form must be completed and received by the Scholarship Chairman before April 1<sup>st</sup>

## **AWARDS:**

Two awards will be made to eligible SVDA members on the basis of volunteer hours. The minimum of 20 hours performed during the past two years. Services must be rendered to SVDA (sanctioned show service does NOT count), and the merit of educational plans will also be considered. A Board member is considered a volunteer for the purposes of scholarship eligibility (7/06).

## **VOTING:**

The Scholarship Chairman will present all applications to the Officers and Board of Directors at the April Board meeting. The Board of Directors will vote by secret ballot to select the two winners. All applications will receive a letter form the Scholarship Chairman within two weeks from the date of that vote. Applicants not awarded a grant are eligible to apply again. Applicants may only receive one grant per year and must meet new requirements before applying again.

## **PAYMENT:**

Payment will be made directly from the SVDA treasurer to the clinician or educational program management. When this is not possible, receipts must be presented to the SVDA treasurer before final payment will be made. The SVDA treasurer has the final decision that the receipts presented are acceptable. Applicants who win the awards have one year to complete training with the award money. At the end of one year, any award money unused will revert to the SVDA treasury.

## **WRAP-UP:**

A written report on the event paid for the SVDA grant should be sent to the newsletter editor and the Scholarship Chairman by the last Monday of the month in which the training has taken place.