

ATHLETE PATHWAY GRANT PROGRAM — APPLICATION FORM

All information provided is for internal review by the Selection Committee and program administration only.

The Athlete Pathway Grant Program is an initiative designed to recognize and support the participation of young equestrian athletes. The Program supports access to a national stage by offsetting costs associated with participation, while reinforcing the values of sportsmanship, commitment, and excellence within sport.

The Royal Horse Show will award grants of up to \$10,000 to a maximum of 10 recipients annually based on the strength and suitability of the applications. Final award amounts will be determined based on individual circumstances, including geographic location, travel requirements, and the overall impact of the grant in enabling participation at The Royal Horse Show.

Recipients will be selected based on demonstrated engagement in the sport, intent to benefit from participation at The Royal Horse Show, sportsmanship, and overall opportunity to benefit from the experience. Competitive results alone are not a determining factor.

ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must be Junior Riders as defined by Equestrian Canada, as of January 1st of the current competition year.
- Athletes must qualify for The Royal Horse Show through established competition ranking systems.
- Applicants must be Canadian residents.
- Final grant eligibility is contingent on qualification for The Royal Horse Show.

Application deadline: October 1, 2026

Grant recipients will be confirmed in alignment with Athlete Acceptance to The Royal Horse Show, and communicated at that time.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Complete this application in full.
- Attach your character reference letter (Section 8).
- Attach any additional supporting documents you deem necessary (Section 9).
- Email everything together in a single email to rawfentriesoffice@royalfair.org.
- Questions regarding the application process may be sent to horse@royalfair.org.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Athlete Name *

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) *

Contact Phone Number *

Email Address *

EC Sport Licence Number *

2. PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent / Guardian Name *

Parent/Guardian Phone

Parent/Guardian Email

3. ATHLETE BASIC INFORMATION & COMPETITION HISTORY

Discipline / Division *

e.g., Show Jumping, Hunter, Dressage, Eventing. Only divisions/classes with a recognized qualification pathway to The Royal Horse Show are eligible.

Engagement in the Sport

Describe participation level, consistency, and experience.

4. ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

Participation Details

Number of competitions, divisions competed in, and years active in the sport. Bullet points are welcome.

5. ATHLETE GOALS & INTENT TO COMPETE AT THE ROYAL HORSE SHOW

Goals & Anticipated Impact

Describe goals and the anticipated impact of participation.

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION & TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Location & Travel Details

7. PARTICIPATION BUDGET

Anticipated Expenses

Anticipated expenses associated with participation at The Royal Horse Show.

Travel (\$)

Stabling (\$)

Accommodation (\$)

Entry Fees (\$)

Other (\$)

Additional Use of Funds (if applicable)

Add any additional details on how grant funding would be used, if needed.

8. CHARACTER REFERENCE

Reference Name & Relationship to Athlete

One reference from a coach, trainer, or equestrian professional. The reference letter (max. one page) should be attached and emailed together with this application.

Reference Name

Relationship to Athlete

Reference Email

Reference Phone

☐ The character reference letter is included with this application (attached as a separate file).

9. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Additional Documents

List any additional documents included with this application (e.g., proof of qualification, competition results, additional letters).

CERTIFICATION & CONSENT

- ☐ I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I consent to the collection, use, and storage of the information provided in this application by The Royal Horse Show, in accordance with applicable privacy legislation, for the purpose of administering the Athlete Pathway Grant Program.
- ☐ I confirm I am the applicant's parent or legal guardian and I provide consent on their behalf to participate in this Program and to the collection, use, and storage of their personal information as described above.
- ☐ I grant The Royal Horse Show permission to use the applicant's name, photographs, video, and biographical information (including application details and achievements) in event promotion, press releases, social media, and other marketing or communications materials related to the Athlete Pathway Grant Program, without further notice or compensation.

Parent / Guardian Signature *

Date

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once complete, email this application, your character reference letter, and any additional supporting documents together in a single email to rawfentriesoffice@royalfair.org.