



Karen E. Stives Endowment Grant

Aim and Positioning on the Pathway

The aim of the Grant is to support the Program aim of sustainable success at World level and to assist athlete/horse combinations to achieve Elite level standard and thus demonstrate they are competitive at World level. The Grant will support athlete/horse combinations already competing at 4*/5* level with the perceived potential to achieve Elite level by supporting a competition and preparatory training opportunity. The ultimate goal of the grant is to develop athletes that have the potential to win medals as an individual or contribute to a team medal at the Olympic and World Championship level.

Detail

- Up to two athletes will be funded at \$20,000 per athlete in order to attend and prepare for one of the following:
 - CCI5*-L
 - CCI0 (Long or Short)
 - CCI4*-L (on rare occasions where the 4* is seen as ideal preparation for an upcoming Games)
- Athlete/horse combinations will be expected (but not required) to have achieved their pre-determined targets at CCI4*-L and/or CCI5*-L level within the previous six months
- Athlete / horse combinations that have competed at four or more CCI5*-L level events within the last 24 months are not eligible to apply.
- The aim of the Grant is to help the athlete / horse combination move to Elite level and therefore applicants will be expected to demonstrate that part of the Grant will be used for performance enhancement not just logistical costs.
- It is unlikely an athlete/horse combination will receive more than two Grants or that an athlete will receive more than three Grants within a 12-month period.
- If there is not an appropriate candidate in a given year than the grant(s) may not be awarded.

Application, Selection, Recommendation and Approval

- There will be an Application process.
- The Eventing Performance Advisory Team (PAT) will consider applicants and will make the recommendation as to who should receive the Grant. The PAT will consider the potential of the athlete/horse combination to move to Elite level, be competitive for selection at the next Olympic / World Games and how the identified competition(s) and training will assist the athlete to achieve the aim.
- A recommendation of a maximum of up to two athletes and one reserve athlete will be made to the Trustees of the Karen Stives Endowment.
- The PAT is not obliged to recommend two athletes and may recommend one or none.
- Each selected athlete will be required to outline how the Grant will be utilized.
- Each selected athlete will be required, before any funding is released, to agree to confidential detailed performance targets and training plan with the Performance Director. Overall targets will be communicated to the Trustees by the USEF Managing Director of Eventing.





Feedback/Follow Up

- After the identified competition, the athlete's performance will be analyzed by the athlete and Performance Director.
- The athlete will provide a report to the USEF Managing Director of Eventing who will forward the report with additional comments from the Performance Director to the Trustees.

