

21st ANNUAL YOUTH DRESSAGE FESTIVAL – LENDON GRAY & DRESSAGE4KIDS, INC. (YDF)

July 12 – 14, 2019

HITS on the Hudson Show Grounds, Saugerties, NY

Started in 1999, this flagship event of Dressage4Kids, Inc. offers individual and team competition for riders from ages 4 through 21. Division championships feature a three-phased competition: a written test, an individual dressage test, and a group equitation ride. Divisions offered are Introductory through Fourth, FEI Pony, Junior and Young Rider and Para Equestrian. Riders may also assemble teams and vie for the USDF Region 8 Youth Team Competition. Classes for Leadline (riders aged 4 to 8), Prix Caprilli (dressage ride incorporating jumps), Dressage Trail and Musical Freestyle are offered, as are other competitive and fun activities.

The Bermuda Dressage Group (BDG) is looking for interested junior riders to represent Bermuda at the YDF in July. Partial sponsorship/funding may be possible but should not be expected.

BDG Selection Criteria

Any rider wishing to be considered for selection to represent Bermuda at the above competition must submit a completed application to the Bermuda Dressage Group, by **Sunday 2nd June 2019** and must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a paid up member of both the Bermuda Equestrian Federation (BEF) and the Bermuda Dressage Group (BDG).
2. Must be between 10 and 21 years of age (from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 10 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21). Younger participants can apply but would not qualify for any BEF/BDG funding if funding is available.
3. Must have one score of 57% or higher from any USEF or FEI dressage test of the same level, or a higher level, that they will be competing in at the YDF (Intro, Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, FEI Children's/Pony/Junior/YR. Para tests also available). This score must have been obtained during the period 1st September, 2018 to 20th May, 2019 and be from a USDF 'L', USEF or FEI Dressage judge (see separate application form for details of qualifying shows). A copy of the score sheet must be presented with the completed application form. High scores will be given preference.
4. Must have shown commitment to the sport of dressage by participating in the majority of the BDG shows during the current season.
5. As part of the selection process, the selection committee will consider both volunteer hours and which rider/riders will be a good ambassador(s) to Bermuda.

In order to be able to arrange horses and applications in time for the official YDF application window, our local application deadline is 8th June 2019. Please email Angela Halloran-Smith at bdgnatcoachangela@gmail.com