



## Wild Card Application for the 2022 Robert Dover USEF Horsemastership Week

USEF invites dressage riders between the ages of 12 and 25 to apply for the wildcard spots at the 2022 Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic Week (RDHCW). The annual program will take place at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival in Wellington, Fla., on January 6-9, 2022.

The purpose of the RDHCW is to identify and develop the next generation of U.S. Dressage Team talent. Throughout the week, participants receive expert instruction on a variety of horsemanship topics in addition to intensive training sessions with top professional trainers. Up to five wild card spots are available and if you would like to be considered for a wild card, please be sure to complete both steps of the application no later than **11:59pm, ET on November 5, 2021.**

**Step 1:** Complete the online application and also provide a video link, preferably taken during competition, from the highest level competed in with the horse you are applying with, during the 2021 competition season.

To access the application:

1. Sign into your USEF account at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)
2. In your Member Dashboard, select the blue tile labeled 'Athlete Dashboard'
3. Select the blue tile labeled 'Online Applications'
4. Leave the Date Range boxes blank.
5. In the Title box blank – type Horsemastership Week
6. Select the red Search button
7. Scroll down the page until you find the application
8. **Very Important: Leave the 'Submit App For' box blank unless you are submitting the application on behalf of another athlete and NOT signed into his/her USEF Member Dashboard**
9. Select the 'Apply' button
10. Follow the steps from here.

Upon submission of Step 1 of your application, an automatic email will be sent confirming the date your application was received. Therefore, please ensure the email listed on the application is current. If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your application, it is your obligation to contact USEF ([kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org)) to determine if it has been received.

**Step 2:** The second step of the application is to submit the following to Kristen Brett ([kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org)) no later than **11:59pm, ET on November 5, 2021:**

1. Three letters of recommendation: One letter must be from a current trainer, or a trainer who has knowledge of the athlete's abilities, describing in detail the applicant's experience and capabilities. The remaining two recommendations must be from adults within the dressage industry who have working knowledge of the applicant's riding abilities.
2. Write a short essay describing your equestrian goals and future plans.
3. If you were unable to do so in your online application, don't forget to send a video link, preferably taken during competition, from the highest level competed in with the horse you are applying with, during the 2021 competition season.

All applications will be reviewed by the USEF Dressage Coaching staff and applicants will be notified if they have been selected or not by Friday, December 3, 2021. Preference may be given to Discover Dressage USEF/USDF Emerging Athlete Program Members.

**DON'T FORGET! BOTH STEPS OF THE WILD CARD APPLICATION ARE DUE BY 11:59PM, ET ON NOVEMBER 5, 2021!**

Please feel free to contact Kristen Brett, Director of Dressage Programs at US Equestrian with any questions: [kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org) or at (859) 225-6919.