

HMDC 2025 Youth Sponsorship Program

The Heart Mountain Dressage Club would like to offer one youth in our community an opportunity to ride and show with us and to learn the fundamentals of dressage and to improve your overall riding and horsemanship abilities! Come be our Youth Dressage Ambassador!

We will choose one youth that can demonstrate to us dedication, and a willingness to learn what dressage is all about and how it can be applied to all forms of riding.

Youth riders interested in this sponsorship opportunity must write a 3-paragraph essay answering these three questions.

1. Why should we consider you for this sponsorship program? Tell me about your horseback riding dreams and riding goals.
2. What is your current riding level? What horse knowledge and what riding experience do you currently have? Also tell me about the horse that you ride or the horse you wish you could ride.
3. Lastly please give me a brief description of what you think "Dressage" is. What does Dressage mean and how do you think it will make you a better rider.

This program applies to youth riders between the ages of 12 to 18. Any skill level, from just starting out to advanced riders, are welcome to apply. 4-Hers are strongly encouraged to apply but this is open to all youth riders that are passionate about horses and building a stronger bond through quiet, correct and soft riding. Having your own horse is preferred, but if you do not have your own horse, we may be able to help find a lease option for you to learn on and help care for.

The only requirements of this program is that you must become a youth member of the Heart Mountain Dressage Club (\$27 youth membership fee), and that you volunteer at some of the shows and/or other HMDC events. This volunteer work can be done at the same events or shows that you are riding in. With your membership and as a sponsored youth, the Heart Mountain Dressage Club will agree to pay for 3 lesson/clinic rides of your choice from those events that are hosted by HMDC. HMDC will also pay for up to 4 dressage tests total when ridden at any of our 3 schooling shows. This equals to over \$300 in lessons and showing opportunities.

Essays should be emailed to heartmountaindressageclub@gmail.com no later than February 15th. Please include your name and a contact number with your essay entry. A parent or a guardian must sign off on this before you become an approved sponsored youth. If you have any questions please reach out to the club President, Austen Samet-Brown at 406-426-4294.