



Application Instructions for the U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions

The Qualifying Requirements for the U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions are now available. Please select [HERE](#) for the Qualifying Requirements, Qualifying Competition Calendar, and CDI CPEDI Report Form. The Application and payment must be submitted electronically.

To access the application of intent:

1. Sign into your USEF account at www.usef.org
2. In your Member Dashboard, select the blue tile labeled 'Athlete Dashboard'
3. Select the blue tile labeled 'Commonly Ridden Horses' – you will need to make sure the horse(s) you wish to earn an invitation for Festival are listed here.
4. Return to your 'Athlete Dashboard'
5. Select the blue tile labeled 'Online Applications'
6. For 'Category', select Dressage or Para Dressage
7. Leave the 'Date Range' boxes blank
8. In the 'Title' box blank – type Festival
9. Select the red Search button
10. Scroll down the page until you find the application for your respective championship
11. **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**
12. Select the 'Apply' button
13. Follow the steps from here.

U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions APPLICATION & FEES – Please read the application paragraph in the qualifying requirements very carefully and note that deadlines will be adhered to with no exceptions.

Thursday, May 14, 2026	Application Deadline and Fee	\$75 per horse
Tuesday, June 18, 2026	Late Application Deadline and Fee	\$150 per horse

*Horses are permitted to be added to an existing application with a \$75 fee per horse by June 18, 2026.
No application will be accepted after June 18, 2026.*

Young & Developing Horse Applicants: A copy of your horse's breed registration papers must be submitted by **5:00pm, ET no later than July 27, 2026** to receive an invitation to the National Championships.

Upon submission 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 festival@usef.org to determine if it has been received.

Please read everything very carefully, especially the Qualifying Requirements and Application!

Questions? Please email Kristen Brett at festival@usef.org.