

Grant Application Guidelines and Tips

The USDF Region 9 website contains the application for Adult Education events held here in our Region. Clear guidelines are enumerated for the requirements to apply. Please go to the Region 9 website, click on the GMO Education Grants under the Education tab, then the link for the application pdf.

Highlights and tips for filling out the application and holding your event include:

- There should be a lecture or classroom session scheduled with a question and answer session.
- This is not for private lessons. The clinician should address the audience between rides to answer questions.
- There can be a talk on nutrition or health... such as a local vet... for the classroom session.
- There can be a lunging session in a camp/seminar.
- Other hands-on education suggestions can be... braiding, bandaging legs, grooming, long-lining, pulling manes, goal setting.

The Regional cap for the year is \$3000.00. Therefore, the Region can only pre-approve \$500.00 for the event. To help:

- Look for sponsors... businesses or individuals. Besides equestrian related businesses, try non-equestrian such as coffee shops, yoga studios, hardware stores, lawyers, accountants, or restaurants.
- Work up a sponsor tier sheet. This can be cash, such as Tier 1 \$20.00 up to Tier 5 \$2000.00. Or it can be Tier 1 snacks and water up to Tier 5 facility cost.
- Decide what the sponsors get in return, such as advertising on the GMO website and newsletter, business cards at the event table, or a banner.
- Remember, when submitting your final report/summary to the Region, to include info from Guideline #5 and photos. Especially group photos that can be shared on our social media and newsletter.

In addition to the Region 9 grant, the USDF has a GMO Education Initiative.

“The primary objective of the **GMO Education Initiative** (formerly known as the National Education Initiative) is to create and support new and affordable programs to engage members. GMOs hosting these programs can be confident they are delivering high caliber instruction and educational content consistent

with classical principles of dressage and the Pyramid of Training. Events are USDF University accredited and members who attend automatically earn education credits.

Participation in this program demonstrates commitment to providing quality educational opportunities and the promotion of classically correct dressage training at all levels and in all locales.

GMOs hosting approved programs are eligible to apply for a **USDF GMO Education Initiative Grant**”

This information is found on the USDF website under the Education tab on the home page. Under this tab, under USDF University, click on the GMO Education Initiative. Each GMO may apply for a grant not to exceed \$1000.00. Up to 50% of the approved grant can be given prior to the event as seed money, if requested. If the event generates a profit, the USDF will reimburse only to the break-even point. Please note that the requirements for the clinician are very strict and can disqualify the application if not met.

There are titles at this site that give clear guidelines, suggestions, and FAQ's.

When time is taken to follow both the Region 9 and USDF guidelines, your GMO will have access to funds that will help support the education missions of your clubs and support your members.