

Lettie Teague Hunt Seat Supplemental Grant

Open to Hunt Seat Riders in NY, NJ, and CT, grades 7-12 who demonstrate financial need.

Thanks to a generous donation from **Lettie Teague**, the **Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA)** is excited to offer a supplemental grant for financial aid applicants in the Hunt Seat discipline.

The supplemental grant will be awarded to an IEA applicant or split among a group of applicants from NY, NJ or CT, who are approved for FULL assistance through the Benevolent Fund, and who demonstrate a need for additional funding to enable full IEA participation. The rider(s) must demonstrate interest, ability and commitment to equestrian sports, and the Sponsoring Coach must support the rider as outlined in the IEA Benevolent Fund/Financial Aid application by allowing additional lessons at reduced rate, waiving coaching fees at IEA shows, and generally supporting the rider's passion to participate.

The Lettie Teague Supplemental Grant will cover the following expenses

(in addition to Benevolent Fund financial aid):

- An additional 2 lessons per month @ \$25/lesson (\$50/month-up to \$450)
- \$75 travel stipend for (up to) 5 regular shows (\$375 max)
- \$100 travel stipend for Regional Finals
- \$150 additional travel stipend for Zone Finals
- \$300 additional travel stipend for Nationals
- Wardrobe expenses (up to \$250)
- Entry fees will be paid for team classes at Post Season shows (if applicable-\$360 max)
- Maximum Grant amount to be awarded to any applicant: \$2,000

DEADLINE - AUGUST 15, 2023 - Requirements for application:

1. Must apply for the IEA Benevolent Fund Financial Assistance Program with a Sponsoring Coach.
2. In addition to the materials requested for the IEA Financial Assistance Program, the applicant must also submit the following:
 - An essay of up to 300 words on any equine-related topic.
 - A 2 - 3 minute video submission that shows the rider's ability. (:30 at trot / :30 at canter / 6-8 jump course (if applicable to ability level). Phone videos are perfectly acceptable.

Video and statement should be submitted via the **google form link** provided. Contact **Kathryn Quinlan** at 1-877-RIDE-IEA ext. 120 or email finaid@rideiea.org.

Approval Period:

Applications will be reviewed immediately following the review of the Benevolent Fund / IEA Financial Aid applications. Riders who are awarded FULL aid by the Benevolent Fund Committee will be additionally reviewed for the Lettie Teague Supplemental Grant if application and supporting materials are received by the **deadline date of August 15th**. The sponsoring coach of each rider-applicant will be notified of the award and can then notify the rider and the parent/guardian.

Payments:

The Sponsoring Coach will include related amounts on the Coach's Reimbursement form that is used for financial aid recipients. Invoices may be submitted monthly as lessons and competitions are attended, and approved payments will be mailed within 30 days of receipt.

ABOUT LETTIE TEAGUE

Lettie Teague has been a writer for nearly three decades. She's the longtime Wall Street Journal wine columnist, former executive wine editor and columnist of Food & Wine magazine and the author of three books (currently working on a fourth). She has been a rider and a horsewoman even longer- nearly five decades. Some of her most memorable equestrian experiences were thanks to talented trainers and fellow equestrians of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.



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