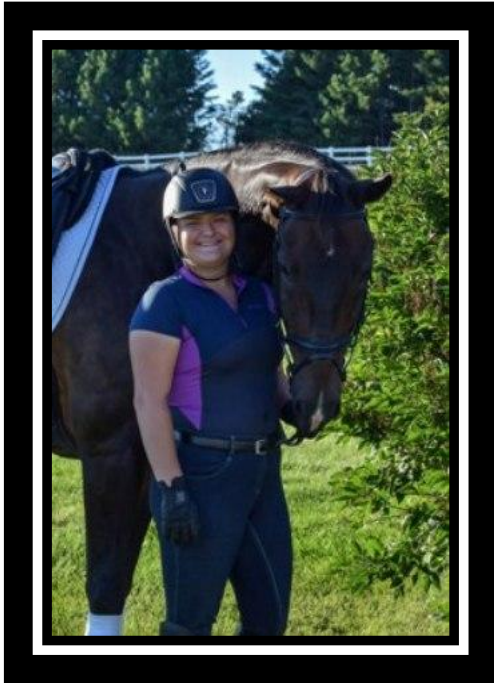


Meet the 2016 USDF Youth Convention Scholarship Winners!

The USDF Youth Convention Scholarships provide financial support to young dressage enthusiasts to help defray the expenses associated with attending the annual convention.

Sarah Chiodi



Sarah Chiodi, Duluth, MN, 16, is an active member of North Woods Dressage Assoc., Central States Dressage and Eventing Assoc., Duluth Equestrian Club, USEF's High School Equestrian Athlete Lettering Program and USDF. Sarah is a working student for her trainer Leah Nelson of Sweet Water Equestrian. She enjoys volunteering regularly at local GMO Dressage shows and raising money for local Jr/YR Scholarship Funds. She has competed up to First Level and is working towards Second Level. Most recently, Sarah participated in a Junior Dressage Training Program with Nancy Later Lavoie of Ashby, Massachusetts and was very fortunate to be able to ride Mrs. Lavoie's Grand Prix mare, Alexis-D, in the program. Soon after, she traveled back to Massachusetts to audit a USDF Jr/YR Clinic with Charlotte Bredahl-Baker. This was her first time attending USDF's Annual Convention. Sarah was most looking forward to learning about what USDF has to offer and was excited to meet other passionate young riders from around the country. (Photo credit to Erin Johnson)

Isabel Gregory, Dallas, TX, 18, is a member of the Dallas and Fort Worth Dressage Clubs and trains with Yvonne Kusserow at Rocking M Stables. At the Convention this year, Isabel received her Bronze and Silver Medals that she earned with her Dressage4Kids lease horse, Rock Star, aka "Rose". The pair was the Jr/YR Fourth Level and Prix St Georges champions for Region 9 this year. Isabel also rides and competes on her quarter horse pony, Charlie Brown, through Second Level. Isabel has been actively involved with Dressage4Kids for the past three years and has learned to appreciate horsemanship and responsibility, in addition to riding ability. She balances time at the barn with a busy school schedule as well as keeping relationships with friends and family. Isabel hopes to become an equine vet and has spent time shadowing at local vet offices. She has great interest in applying the knowledge she will gain about horse anatomy and biomechanics to dressage riding. This was Isabel's first USDF Convention and she enjoyed connecting with other youth dressage riders that share her passion.

Isabel Gregory



Rebekah Mingari



Rebekah Mingari, Louisville, KY, 20, is a senior at the University of Louisville, majoring in Equine Business with minors in International Business and Entrepreneurship. Rebekah is an active member of the Kentucky Dressage Association and has been a part of EDAP for several years. A USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, she has competed in numerous Dressage Seat Medal Finals, and has been on the Region 2 Jr/YR Championship team at the NAJYRC four different times. This year, she was proud to win a Silver Medal in the Freestyle, with her 7 year old mount Elzarma TF. Rebekah regularly volunteers at many different shows and events throughout the year and in 2015, she was honored to be the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year. She was excited to be able to attend the USDF Convention this year to continue her education and share her passion for dressage with others.

Katelyn Mosle

Katelyn Mosle, Springboro, OH, 16, will be moving to California to immerse herself in the high performance world as a working student. She is an active member of the Miami Valley Pony Club and holds her C3 Dressage and HB certifications. In past years, she has served on the Youth Board of her club. Kate is also an active member of several local GMOs and the Emerging Dressage Athletes Program. She has earned valuable experiences from several of the USDF Youth programs, including the Jr/YR Clinics, Dressage Seat Medal Program, and Youth Regional Team Competitions. Kate's involvement with these programs has inspired her to organize educational activities to encourage dressage participation among local riders. As a wonderful conclusion to her FEI Pony career, Kate competed her six year old homebred at the 2016 USEF Dressage Pony Rider Championships. Having shown at the FEI Junior level as well, she now has her sights set on the FEI Young Riders and NAJYRC. Outside of riding, she is a member of the National Honors Society and Junior Council on World Affairs, as well as an active volunteer for several local charities.

