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**Western Dressage Association® Of America Announces Grant Program For High School And Collegiate Equestrian Teams**

**Parker, Colorado** – The Western Dressage Association of America has announced a matching grant program to assist High School and Collegiate Equestrian teams who plan to travel to compete at the WDAA World Championship Horse Show in Tulsa, OK on November 6,7,8 2015. This \$1500 grant program has been made possible through the generous support of the United States Equestrian Federation and its Youth Sportsman's program.

The High School and Collegiate Committee of WDAA has recommended the following criteria to the Executive Committee to guide the process of selecting a recipient or recipient teams.

The High School/Collegiate Equestrian team will supply verifiable documentation of:  
Matching funds, equal to the amount sought from WDAA

- Team GPA; this may be documented by a letter on letterhead from your school or by transcripts from your school
- Leadership ; this may be related to the educational institution and/or evidence of leadership in equine sport
- Sportsmanship and Professionalism; this may be documented by testimonials from teachers, professors or schools/organizations.

In addition each person on the team is to submit a one page “plan” to include:

- Future anticipated contributions to the horse industry
- Future support/promotion of WDAA and its mission.
- How this experience will contribute to improving their leadership skills, specifically developing other students and riders

Other requirements for recipients:

- Create an article for the WDAA newsletter and website
- Have a team member attend the national meeting
- Work with WDAA to create a video blog to use on social media to promote the sport of Western Dressage

For additional information about this matching grant program, please contact [info@westerndressageassociation.org](mailto:info@westerndressageassociation.org)

**About the Western Dressage Association® of America:** The Western Dressage Association® of America is a 501(c)3 educational non-profit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship which optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the Western Dressage Association® is “to honor the horse, to value the partnership between horse and rider and to celebrate the legacy of the American West” which it focuses on through its offerings of educational opportunities and events to the equestrian community.

