



Saskatchewan
Horse Federation

High Performance Grant

The Saskatchewan Horse Federation is pleased to partner with the provincial discipline groups to offer financial support to High-Performance athletes training and competing in the disciplines of Reining, Dressage and Jumping.

What is High-Performance? High Performance is the sport category that encompasses athletes who are training and competing at high levels of their sport. It is part of the Saskatchewan Horse Federation's mandate to support the development pathway for athletes in their bid to achieve excellence in the FEI disciplines.

Am I eligible for High Performance funding? If you are an athlete who is currently training and competing at High-Performance levels during the year of application, you are eligible to apply for funding. Junior and Senior athletes will be considered equally.

What other criteria must I satisfy to qualify? All athletes applying for High Performance funding must:

- Be residents of Saskatchewan and individual members of the SHF;
- Must Compete at least one Provincial Dressage Gold Show;
- Be current members of their Provincial Discipline Group;
- Be nominated to the Prairie Cup Series;
- Be competing and successful at the Prairie Cup or equivalent levels of competition;
- Submit portfolios outlining their yearly training and competition schedules;
- Submit competition results;
- Submit receipts for expenses associated with yearly training and competitions;

How do I apply for High Performance Funding? Athletes who wish to apply for High Performance funding must submit their 2025 training and competitions portfolios to their respective discipline groups by October 31, 2025.

- Reining-Saskatchewan Reining Horse Association www.saskreining.com
- Hunter/Jumper – Saskatchewan Hunter/Jumper Association www.shja.ca
- Dressage – Saskatoon Dressage Club or Regina and District Dressage Association www.sasdressage.ca or www.reginadistrictdressage.ca

How am I assessed? Each discipline will adjudicate their applications and may submit a maximum of four names (along with applications) to the Grants Committee of the SHF for final approval.

Are there other things that would enhance my application? Yes. Riders may earn additional points if they can demonstrate:

- That they are good ambassadors for their sport;
- That they are competitive at higher levels of competition;
- That they support the Saskatchewan equestrian sport community;
- Proof of proficiency at out-of-province competition.

When will I know if I have been awarded a High-Performance Grant? Successful applicants will be notified by the SHF and/or Discipline Groups and a cheque will be issued in December of the application year.

If I receive a High-Performance grant, am I still eligible for Athlete Assistance? No. If you are a successful applicant in the HP category, you are ineligible to receive additional funding in the Athlete Assistance or Talent ID categories. **But, you should apply for both,** because if you are unsuccessful in your bid to secure HP funding, you are still eligible to receive Athlete Assistance. HP grant applications are processed first, and successful applicants removed from consideration in the Athlete Assistance category.

Why did I receive a grant last year, and not this year, even if I was more successful? Each year there are different athletes who apply for funding. You are assessed relative to the other submissions.

If there are few HP riders in my discipline, can I qualify for one of the HP grants if I am almost riding at that level? No. Only those athletes riding at the HP level in their sport, (regardless of age), are to be considered. If there are no youth riding at the High-Performance level in a given year, or insufficient athletes to qualify for the four positions in a discipline, the discipline group will award only to the number of placings that they have qualified riders. Riders on the HP cusp, may be referred to the 'Talent ID' category for funding consideration.

Are there other opportunities for funding? Yes. We encourage athletes to also apply for Athlete Assistance Grants and/or Talent ID Grant. The forms, and details of the application process are available on the SHF website <https://saskhorse.ca/individual-grants>.

