

Two very special scholarship opportunities!

\$15,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship to train with Oded Shimoni

\$10,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant to train in Wellington with the instructor of your choice

Dressage4Kids and Anne Baber Wallis would like to announce two very special scholarship opportunities. Both scholarships are in memory of Christian Kennedy, a talented young rider whose dedication to horsemanship was and still is inspiring. His family, Dressage4Kids, and the equestrian community choose to honor his legacy through programs and scholarships like these.



In memory of Christian Baber Kennedy

The Dressage4Kids Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship to train with Oded Shimoni is awarded to one talented young rider aged 18-26. The Scholarship awards \$15,000 towards a special winter training grant from January through March 2024 in Wellington, Florida to ride with international dressage trainer Oded Shimoni of OS Dressage.

Previous scholarship recipient, Matt Baillargeon, testified, "The scholarship afforded me the priceless gift of growing both as a person and as a rider. To be exposed to such caliber of mentorship and passion for this sport on a daily basis has helped cement my own training and personal philosophy. It has been an honor to ride in memory of Christian."

The Selection Committee reviews applicants based on criteria including exceptional talent, proven ability to work hard, demonstrated ethical behavior, horsemanship skills, and consistent drive toward stated goals. To honor the memory of Christian, recipients must not only be a talented rider but a well-rounded and committed student, a strong team player, and have a dedication to horsemanship.

For more information regarding the scholarship and the application process, please go to: <u>https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-young-adult-scholarship.html</u>



Photo: Fern Feldman (VP of Dressage4Kids), Anne Baber Wallis (Christian's mother), Matt Baillargeon (previous scholarship recipient), and Oded Shimoni (International Dressage Trainer)

The D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant will be awarded to inspire one young rider (aged 18-26) through a special grant to work with an instructor of choice in Wellington, Florida for the winter season January-April 2024. The scholarship will provide funds up to \$10,000 towards transportation to/from Wellington, stabling (recipient must make their own stabling arrangements), showing expenses (if applicable), living expenses (recipient must find their own housing), and training expenses with an instructor of the scholarship recipient's choice.

Previous scholarship recipient, Evie Oliver, trained with Lars Petersen. Of her experience, Evie writes, "I learned so much and I was so honored to be riding in Christain's name. I evolved so much as a rider throughout the season, and it would not have been possible without this scholarship. Thank you so much to D4K and all the sponsors for providing these opportunities for the youth of this sport. It really means everything."

For more information regarding the training grant scholarship and the application process, please go to: <u>https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-training-grant.html</u>



Photo: Evie Oliver (previous scholarship recipient), credit Debra E Kail Photography

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