



Dressage4Kids and Anne Baber Wallis Announce Two Christian Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Opportunities for 2027

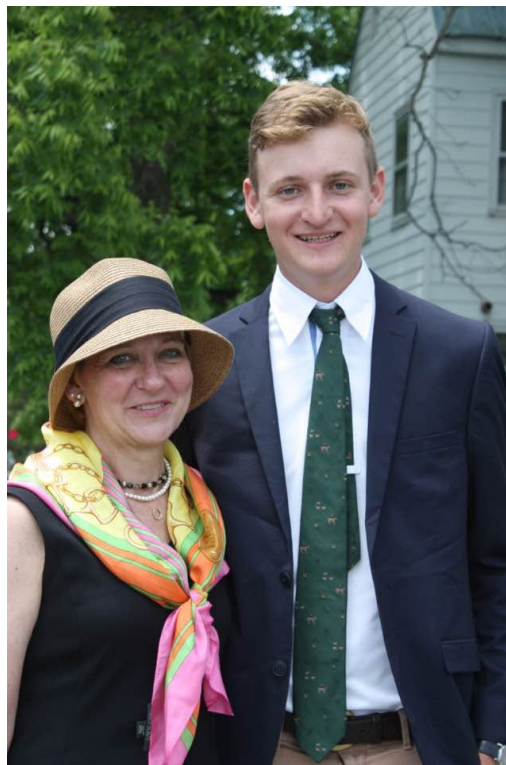
In memory of Christian Baber Kennedy

Applications are now open for two prestigious scholarships.

Christian's legacy is that of love for the horse, respect between trainer and rider, and the understanding that strong partnerships are built through trust, kindness, and communication. While Christian's talent and intellect led him to dressage, he embraced every opportunity to learn, enjoying other disciplines as well. His dedication and work ethic earned him opportunities to work in some of the nation's leading dressage programs, and in 2017 he was awarded one of only four national scholarships to train with U.S. Olympian Robert Dover.

Dressage4Kids and Anne Baber Wallis are proud to announce that applications are now open for two exceptional scholarship opportunities honoring Christian's memory:

- the **D4K Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship to train with Oded Shimoni**
- the **D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant**



*In memory of Christian Baber Kennedy
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Applications are now open.

One advanced rider between the ages of 18 and 26 will be awarded a grant of up to \$15,000 to train with renowned FEI trainer Oded Shimoni during the 2027 winter season (January-March) in Wellington, Florida. Shimoni, who competed in two European Championships and three World Equestrian Games, continues to train top international riders and horses.

The selection committee seeks candidates who demonstrate exceptional riding ability while also exhibiting strong horsemanship, integrity, sportsmanship, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Dressage4Kids extends its sincere gratitude to the generous donors who make this scholarship possible and to Oded Shimoni for donating his time and expertise in support of young riders.

Application Deadline: August 6, 2026

[Click here for more information regarding the scholarship and application process.](#)

The D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant

Applications are now open.

This training grant will be awarded to inspire one young rider (age 18-26) through a special grant to work with an instructor of choice in Wellington, Florida for the winter season January-April 2027. 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.

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Continuing Christian's Legacy

These scholarships honor far more than athletic achievement. They recognize young riders who embody the qualities that made Christian Kennedy so deeply admired – kindness, humility, perseverance, respect for the horse, and a genuine love of learning.

Previous scholarship recipient Emalee Walker writes, "I am incredibly grateful to have been a recipient of the Dressage4Kids Christian Kennedy Scholarship. This opportunity allowed me to train in a high-performance environment that I would not have otherwise been able to access. Thank you to Dressage4Kids, Anne Baber Wallis, and the donors who invest their time and resources into riders like me. It is humbling to have been given this chance. I return home with a full heart and a motivated mindset, excited to apply what I've learned and share it with others who are just as passionate about the sport."

Dressage4Kids extends its heartfelt appreciation to Anne Baber Wallis, the generous donors, Oded Shimoni, and everyone whose support makes these life-changing scholarship opportunities possible.

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About Dressage4Kids

Dressage4Kids, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated for the express purpose of providing educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them.

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