

MTDG

MEMBER EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND

*The aim of this fund is to reward and encourage **active and contributing** members of the Morrinsville Te Aroha Dressage Group to further their dressage skills, and to share their knowledge with others. This may include riding skills, judging, stewarding or similar skills.*

Criteria for receiving grant:

1. Must have been a participating and contributing member for over 1 year.
2. \$1000 available to be distributed, but not necessarily all used. Amount per person to be at the discretion of the subcommittee.
3. The subcommittee may be nominated at the AGM and consist of 4 people. Three of the four nominated members will attend the meeting (one reserve). It is recommended that the current chair person attend. Also one member may be from outside the group. Each member of the subcommittee has an equal voice. However should a conflict of interest arise through one of the subcommittee members wishing to apply then this role can be delegated to another member.
4. Any monies remaining from grant not used, not to be carried over to the following year. However provision may be made to use unallocated funds in a generic way to benefit the club members. Eg to subsidize a clinic for MTDG members. To be decided at an ordinary meeting after the AGM
5. After receiving grant, there must be a stand down period of one year before applying again.
6. The member is to request funds and fill out the form, stating clinic, training or instructor attended, the benefit of the clinic, and the form of contribution the member makes to the club (i.e. attends working bees, helps out on club days, writes or scores on competition days, executive member of group, etc)
7. Applications to be made before the April meeting prior to the AGM (May). Generally request for funds would be in retrospect. There may be exceptions to this. This is at the discretion of the Subcommittee.
8. The grants to be distributed at each AGM.
9. The Subcommittee will meet to allocate funds by the end of week 1 in May.
10. The names of members **applying** for grants to be kept confidential, but names of those **receiving** grants to be made public
11. Not to be used for the member's usual instructor but could be used for instance by a novice rider to use the services of a national instructor or a more advanced rider to use the services of an overseas instructor, or for a member to attend a training clinic for judging, stewarding or similar - the aim being for the member to extend him/herself out of his/her usual comfort zone.
12. Criteria to be reviewed annually (recommend June/ July).