

Marilyn Quinto Memorial Scholarship Fund

In honor of Marilyn Quinto, the Tucson Dressage Club has established the Marilyn Quinto Memorial Scholarship Fund to promote education and dressage principles among our membership. It is not awarded based on performance.



Occasionally in our lives we meet someone who really makes an impression on us and Marilyn Quinto was one of those people. A woman ahead of her time, Marilyn was fired in 1945 from her position as editor of the College of William and Mary student newspaper for her article advocating racial equality. She piloted a seaplane along the east coast, went on a horseback trek across China and was co-recipient of radio and television's highest honor, the Peabody Award.

Marilyn moved to Tucson in 1962 and learned to ride. She joined the Southern Arizona Hunter-Jumper Association and served on the Boards of the Old Saddle Club and Cottonwood Pony Club. She was a reporter for Chronicle of the Horse and reported on all of the horse shows in the Southwest region. Dressage evolved in the '70's and Marilyn was there helping the Tucson Dressage Club grow by serving in various capacities. Marilyn was known for her astute quips and often said she was "still learning horsemanship."

General Information

1. Applicants applying in the Amateur and Open categories must be members in good standing for a minimum of three years.

2. Applicants applying in the Junior category must be members in good standing for a minimum of the current full TDC membership year with membership current by January 1st.

3. The award money may be requested and awarded in the current award year, January 1- December 30, for a specific activity that promotes dressage education and dressage principles. Activities must be confirmed. Examples of confirmed activities are USDF symposia, clinics, lectures, Regional Championships, or lessons. Examples of unconfirmed activities include, but are not limited to, a facility in the process of hosting a clinic but the instructor and dates have not yet been arranged prior to the scholarship application deadline. If the scholarship is not used, regardless of reason, the award is forfeited. The award is NOT transferable to another activity or future award year.

4. The scholarship awards will be presented at the TDC Yearend Awards Banquet.

5. The same scholarship award recipients may not receive the award in consecutive years unless no others apply.

6. The winner must write an essay about the experience gained through the use of this scholarship award. The essay should be written in a timely manner following the use of the award, and the essay will be published in the TDC newsletter.

7. Applicants in the Amateur and Open divisions must have performed at least eight hours of volunteer service for TDC within the award membership period (two full years prior and current membership year) PRIOR to award application. Junior applicants must have performed two hours of volunteer service for TDC within the award membership period (current membership year) PRIOR to award application. Proof of volunteer hours must accompany application.

8. **Application must be mailed and postmarked by due date.** No other means of submission will be accepted. TDC is not responsible for applications not received due to delayed mail, wrong address, etc.

9. The TDC Treasurer shall pay the sponsoring activity in the name of the award recipient up to the monetary limit of the award; or, the award recipient will be reimbursed up to the monetary limit of the award by

providing submission of receipt of activity payment to the TDC Treasurer.

Application

Applications shall be made by submitting a statement describing the activity you intend to do with the scholarship award. Your application should include:

1. An autobiography, including, but not limited to:
 - Your training
 - Experience
 - Age
2. How the scholarship funds will be used
3. Amount of funds required by your proposed activity
4. What the applicant hopes to gain from the experience