

## British Dressage Young Professionals Award

### CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

- Age: From the beginning of the calendar year of the applicant's 18th birthday to the end of the calendar year of their 25th birthday.
- The applicant must provide a curriculum vitae (cv) of their involvement with horses to date, showing their riding history and any other relevant information that might help to indicate their commitment.
- The applicant must be able to demonstrate a commitment to a future in the dressage industry. This could include working as an apprentice in a professional yard, running their own yard, developing their own activity with horses while receiving some support from parents/partner or other source. They may have a part time occupation to supplement their income and if so, details of how much time is spent working must be included in the cv.
- A brief statement (approx 100 words) should be submitted from each of two referees to support the application. One referee may be the person's trainer, but the second must provide an independent character reference (eg past school teacher or friend) who is not a family member. The second referee must have known the applicant for at least five years.
- The application/cv must be supported by a short dvd (10 - 15 minutes maximum) that shows the applicant riding (not in competition), either schooling alone or under training.
- The cv must include a brief explanation of why they have chosen to make a career in the horse industry and what their aims and aspirations are for the next few years.

### NOTES

- ❖ *The chosen applicants will be allocated a regional training day with a top trainer in mid October. There will be a fee of £75.00 for this day.*
- ❖ *Applicants will take their own horses to the training day and will be involved with other activities at the trainer's establishment. Discussions will take place throughout the day.*
- ❖ *A one to one interview will form part of the initial day to assess commitment, business acumen, personality, attitude, potential for development and communication skills.*
- ❖ *Two riders from each training day (6 in total) will go through to a Final in February 2010 at Talland School of Equitation, Gloucestershire.*
- ❖ *The closing date for Applications is 1st August 2009. Applications should be sent to Jeanette Proctor/Ann Morton at British Dressage, NAC Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2RJ.*