

24 March 2009

Dear Applicant

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AWARD 2009

Thank you for your interest and enquiry about British Dressage's exciting new Young Professionals Award.

We are now inviting applications from young people working with horses who can 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, or developing their own activity with horses while receiving some support from parents / partner or other source.

We attach a sheet detailing the necessary criteria applicants need to fulfil.

Also attached is an Initial Application Form which needs to be completed in full and returned to the office by **1st August 2009**. The following documentation needs to accompany the application form:

- A Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Two References including a Brief Statement (approximately 100 words) from each
- Short DVD (10 – 15 mins maximum) showing you riding at home or in a training session, NOT test riding at a competition.

The applications received will be assessed by the BYRDS Director and Deputy, Rider Assessment Representative and a BYRDS Representative.

Twenty-four applicants will be chosen to attend one of three training sessions around the country. The dates and venues of these days are as follows:

DATE	TRAINER	VENUE
Monday 12 October	Richard Davison	Combridge Farm Combridge Uttoxeter Staffordshire ST14 5BL
Thursday 15 October	Gareth Hughes	Aspen Grove Dressage Paradise Farm Wigginton Road South Newington Oxon OX15 4JS
Thursday 22 October	Jennie Loriston-Clarke	Catherston Stud Croft Farm Over Wallop Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 8HX

Please indicate your preferred date and venue on the application form. We cannot guarantee you will be able to attend your preferred date but we will do our best to place applicants where they choose.

Applicants will be notified by 31st August if they have been successful in gaining a place at one of the three training days.

If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Good luck!

Yours sincerely

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