

# ADA Competition Travel Bursary

## 1. Introduction

The **2025 ADA Competition Travel Bursary** is a funding program designed to assist Alberta Dressage athletes in offsetting the high costs of travel and competition expenses outside their local areas.

To be eligible, athletes must:

- Be a **current** member of the **Alberta Dressage Association (ADA)**.
  - Enter and compete in **EC Gold/Platinum Competitions** or **AEF Wild Rose Provincial Circuit Competitions** in Alberta.
  - Compete on a **personally owned or leased** horse.
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## 2. Objective

The **2025 ADA Competition Travel Bursary** will provide up to **\$500** per qualified athlete per year to support essential travel and competition expenses, including:

- **Transportation Costs:** Gas, horse transport, etc.
- **Accommodations:** Lodging for the athlete during the event.

### Travel Distance Requirements:

- **Minimum Distance:** Athletes must demonstrate that their one-way travel distance to the event exceeds **100 km** to qualify for travel support.
- **Increased Support:** Athletes travelling more than **400 km one-way** qualify for up to **\$550 total**.

### Additional Conditions:

- **Transportation expenses** may only be claimed for **one horse** when multiple horses share travel expenses.
- **Accommodation expenses** may only be claimed for **one athlete** when accommodations are shared.
- **Athletes** may claim expenses when competing on their **owned or leased** horse.
- **Athletes receiving bursaries through other programs, such as the Tilted Tiara para-equestrian travel bursary, cannot submit those funded shows to the ADA bursary.**

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### 3. Application Process

#### Application Requirements:

- Applicants must submit **all claims with original receipts** by **September 15, 2025**. **Late applications will not be considered.**
- Applications must include **proof of travel distance** exceeding **100 km one-way** from the event venue.
- If total claims exceed the bursary allocation, reimbursement will be **pro-rated** among eligible applicants.
- Per the **AGLC guidelines**, 50% of the casino funds budgeted for this program will be allocated to **Youth** and the remainder to Adults.

#### Submission Instructions:

- Applications must be emailed to **albertadressageassociation@gmail.com** using the **attached bursary application form**.

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### 4. Selection Process

All applications received by **September 15, 2025**, will be reviewed by the **Selection Committee**, which includes:

- **ADA Treasurer**
- **ADA Casino Coordinator**
- **Member of the ADA Board of Directors**
- **Member of the ADA General Membership**

#### Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- **Completion and clarity** of the application.
  - **Level of detail** and **quality of presentation** in the submitted application.
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