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# THE BROSDA OLYMPIC BURSARY DRESSAGE

## *1. Introduction*

The Brosda Olympic Bursary is offered in memory of the late Élisabeth Brosda of Gatineau, QC. A passionate young equestrian and an accomplished dressage athlete, Élisabeth was tragically killed in a head on car collision in September of 2016. Élisabeth's goal was to reach the Grand Prix level and represent Canada at the 2024 Olympic Games.

On behalf of the Brosda family, Equestrian Canada (EC) is honoured to facilitate support for the Élisabeth Brosda Memorial Fund through the Horsepower Foundation - a fundraising program created by EC, in partnership with the Canadian Olympic Foundation, to inspire and support Canadians to embrace lifelong participation in equestrian activities.

As a lasting legacy in memory of Élisabeth Brosda, funds donated to the Élisabeth Brosda Memorial Fund are directed specifically to the annual Brosda Olympic Bursary.

Donations to the Élisabeth Brosda Memorial Fund can be made online at [equestrian.ca/community/get-connected/donate](https://equestrian.ca/community/get-connected/donate), or by cheque. Please make cheques out to the Canadian Olympic Foundation and include Élisabeth Brosda Memorial Fund in the memo area of the cheque. Cheques can be mailed to: Canadian Olympic Foundation, 250 Yonge St. , Suite 3000, PO Box # 19, Toronto, ON Canada, M5B 2L7.

## *2. Objective*

The Brosda Olympic Bursary is designed to assist aspiring athletes reach their full potential and support the development efforts of athletes showing the skill and determination to represent Canada at the Olympic Games. The Bursary will provide up to \$10,000 annually toward financial support for international competition, sport science, training, equipment and sport education

Successful candidates will embody the dream and goal shared with Élisabeth, of representing the Canadian Dressage Team at the Olympic Games, and will become ambassadors for the Bursary. They will promote the Olympic values of excellence, teamwork, leadership and fair play. This will include public speaking engagements, appearances and sharing stories about their experience in the sport publically and through social media.

## *3. Eligibility*

Athletes must have the following profile to be considered for The Brosda Olympic Bursary:

- Equestrian Canada Platinum Sport Licence Holder and have dressage as their primary discipline and be in good standing
- Canadian Citizen

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- National Team Program Athlete (National or Development Squad athlete)
  - Training with a certified Canadian coach or foreign equivalent coach (Ideally training with a High Performance 1 Certified Coach)
  - Committed to train and compete internationally for Canada at the Small, Medium, U25 or Big Tour level
  - The athlete must form a combination of athlete and international horse. Combination must have results at the Small, Medium, U25 or Big Tour level. The combination must show Olympic potential as assessed by the EC Dressage High Performance Advisory Group
  - Applicant must be willing to be an ambassador for the Bursary and be willing to participate in up to 3 public speaking engagements, appearances or social media profiles to support equestrianism in Canada. This may include supporting the fundraising activities of EC and the Brosda family to build the profile and sustainability of the Élisabeth Brosda Memorial Fund
  - Applicant must be willing, should they be selected to represent Canada at the Olympic Games, to support the Brosda family in their efforts to remember and honour Élisabeth at the Games

Only athletes to whom the Bursary will make a significant difference to their development and who do not have access to alternative means of paying for their preparation will be considered for The Brosda Bursary.

Athletes who have been convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics as established by EC the FEI or the Olympic Charter will not be considered for The Brosda Bursary.

## 4. Application Process

Applications for consideration must be received on or before **January 1<sup>st</sup>** annually.

Applications to be submitted through the following link [https://licence.equestrian.ca/dc\\_bursary/](https://licence.equestrian.ca/dc_bursary/)

Applications must include the following detail:

- Report on daily training environment (DTE) – Access to appropriate training facilities, support and competitions
- International Performance Results (for the past 12 months) including current World Ranking
- Yearly Training and Competition Plans showing proper progression to the Olympic Games
- Details on certification status of personal coach
- Details on current Integrated Support Team (IST) personnel (i.e. Massage Therapist, Sport Psychology, Physiotherapist, Veterinarian, Farrier etc.) and the integration within the EC National Team Program (NTP)
- Annual fitness assessment results
- Ability to meet and exceed benchmarks assigned by EC
- Financial needs assessment (to include year training and competition plan budgets)
- Personality Profile Highlighting the Following Experiences:
  - Engaging and supporting youth development
  - Public speaking
  - Leadership/Mentorship skills
  - Initiative
- Three (3) reference letters of support, two of the reference letters must be from EC Sport Licence Holders. The third reference letter may be from a member of the community i.e. University Professor, personal trainer, sponsor, charity etc.



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- A detailed report on how the applicant would use the funds to support their development, progression and selection to the Olympic team

## *5. Selection*

Applications received by January 1<sup>st</sup>, will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is comprised of the following:

- The members of the Equestrian Canada Dressage High Performance Advisory Group
- A member of Elisabeth's Family
- A Canadian Olympic Foundation Representative

The selection of successful candidates will be based on the completion, level of detail and presentation of the application, on the financial need of the applicant and on the applicant's potential to represent Canada at the Olympic Games.

## *6. Athlete Accountability*

Successful candidates will be ambassadors for the Bursary and participate in up to three public speaking engagements, appearances or social media profiles to support equestrianism in Canada.

Successful candidates will support the fundraising activities of EC and the Brosda family to build the profile and sustainability of the Élisabeth Brosda Memorial Fund.

Should a successful candidate be selected to represent Canada at the Olympic Games, they will support the Brosda family in their efforts to remember and honour Élisabeth at the Games.