



BRIDGING THE GAP TRAINING BURSARY

Equestrian Canada would like to introduce and invite Para-Dressage athletes 18 and over to apply for the *Lauren Barwick Bridging the Gap Training Bursary*.

Lauren Barwick, Canada's most decorated Para-Dressage athlete with two Paralympic Games and two World Equestrian Games medals to her credit has joined forces with Equestrian Canada to provide this unique training and development opportunity to Canada's next generation of Paralympic athletes.

Lauren Barwick has graciously opened the doors to her training facility in Ocala, Florida for this annual bursary.

Selected athletes will receive

- Two weeks (5 lessons per week) of private training with Lauren.
- Accommodation
- Horse board
- Equestrian Canada \$5,000 financial bursary to support with transport and meal expenses

The purpose of the Bridging the Gap Training Bursary is to develop the next generation of Canadian Para-Dressage athletes. Throughout the week, you will receive expert instruction on a variety of horsemanship topics in addition to intensive training sessions.

The selected athlete will organize directly with Lauren the schedule for these sessions

- Sessions are to be scheduled for either April or November
- Athletes can decide if they wish to have two weeks of training consecutively, or if they wish to split up the sessions (i.e. one week in April and one week in November)
- Depending on the progression of the selected athlete a competition opportunity is possible

Application Process

Complete the Online Application Form

- This will include clearly outlining your future goals and your expectations for this experience
 - *Note: Successful athletes will be required to submit a detailed report to Equestrian Canada following the conclusion of their training with Lauren. This report should highlight what you have accomplished and how your understanding and or goals have changed i.e. how you will use what you have learned to continue your development towards representing Canada at future Paralympic Games*



Video Link

- Provide a video link, of you riding taken either during a competition or during training

Competition Results

- Provide either video competition results or results from a National or International competition (within previous 3 years)

Three Letters of Recommendation

- One letter must be from a current coach, or a coach who has knowledge of your abilities, describing in detail your experience and capabilities
- The additional letters must be from adults within the dressage/para-dressage community who have working knowledge of your abilities and goals

All applications received will be reviewed by the Equestrian Canada, Para-Dressage Technical Advisor, Clive Milkins and the Senior Manager, Dressage Olympic/Paralympic Program for selection.

Applications are due on January 1st, annually with selection being completed on or before January 15th of the same year.



ATTACHMENT A

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APPLICATION

ATHLETE

Print Name: _____, EC Lic. #: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

HORSE

Print Name: _____, Passport #: _____

HORSE OWNER

Print Name: _____, EC Lic. #: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Goals and Expectations for this Experience

Video Link: _____

Competition Results – Complete attached report

Attach Three Letters of Recommendation

Return to:

Equestrian Canada, Dressage Department / cpeters@equestrian.ca

MUST be received on or before – January 1st annually



BRIDGING THE GAP TRAINING BURSARY COMPETITION RESULTS REPORT FORM

Athlete Name: _____ Horse Name: _____

SHOW NAME	DATE	JUDGES	SCORE %
TEST – Competition Name:			
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*Illegible forms will be returned for re-submission. Please type or print clearly on all attachments.
Any intentional misrepresentation of information will eliminate the athlete from consideration*