



## **MARS Bromont Rising U25 Grant Program Returns for 2024 Competitions**

The MARS Bromont Rising U25 scholarship program, administered by the USEA Foundation, is pleased to announce that up to 10 grants of up to \$2,500 each will once again be available for talented young riders aged 25 and under, who are aiming to compete in the MARS Bromont (Quebec, Canada) U25CCI's this year.

The brainchild of organizer Sue Ockendon and the late Steve Blauner; the scholarship program was first offered in 2019 for riders competing at Bromont, and expanded to include Galway Downs on the west coast for the 2022 and 2023 seasons. Event horse owner Blauner had the vision of supporting young eventers from the US and Canada who were not yet under the radar of national U25 training programs. Ockendon had long had the dream of offering financial support to recognize and support the youth of the sport who are the future of Eventing in North America. A complete training program was devised to help the riders prepare themselves and their horses for the competition.

MARS Bromont Rising grants assist with travel and entry expenses, but the program also includes educational sessions with course designers including cross-country course designer Derek DiGrazia, a "centreline workshop" dressage test analysis with FEI 5\* judge Peter Gray and a cross-country course walk with returning guest coach Bettina Hoy. Optional additional coaching and course walks during the events are also available.

Riders competing in the U25CCI2\*-L and U25CCI3\*-L at the June event are eligible to apply.

GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPEN AS OF APRIL 12, 2024. The following deadlines have been updated for 2024:

(Grant application forms, hotel information, omnibus forms etc. can be found on the respective websites)

MARS Bromont CCI June 5-9, 2024 CCIU252\*-L and CCIU253\*-L.

<https://bromontcci.com>

APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 6, 2024

