

## Zara Buren Memorial Award: Application Form

Applications are open from December 15th, 2023 - midnight January 17th, 2024

### To be awarded as follows:

- to be awarded to one person
- \$6,000 in total, to be distributed in 3 equal installments of \$2,000: March 1st/June 1st/September 1st

### Award qualifications:

1. A current OEA rider in good standing;
2. Aged 18 and under as of January 1st, 2024 with a preference for 14 years of age and under;
3. Competing at the EV110 Level and below;
4. Community involvement, such as volunteering, mentoring, etc.;
5. Must display horsemanship, sportsmanship and a positive attitude.

### PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

\* ALL applications **MUST** be sent by email attachment to [info@ontarioeventing.ca](mailto:info@ontarioeventing.ca) with the heading **Zara Buren Memorial Award** in the subject line.

\* All applicants **MUST** fill out this application form

\* All application pages **MUST** be contained in **ONE** (1) PDF file, oriented correctly (right-side up, not sideways) and should be referenced and indexed to ensure there are no missing pages. Points 1-4 below must be included in the application package.

1. A letter of reference from your coach, along with an outline/training plan on how you would use this award to further advance your eventing goals/pathway;
2. A letter of reference from a teacher or volunteer association, outside eventing, which demonstrates a positive attitude/showing how this candidate cares for their community and others;
3. Applicants must also address their commitment to the sport, and how they plan to give back to the eventing community should they be selected (e.g. volunteering, OEA ambassador, mentoring other riders etc.)
4. A summary of any other major achievement (s) - academic, sports, volunteering, etc.,
5. A video of the applicant with their horse is also welcome, but is not necessary;

**\*\*\* We recommend a Cover Letter in which the applicant will describe how they will uphold the values of Zara Buren and continue to build upon her legacy. \*\*\***

### Incorrectly completed, or Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted.

- All applicants will receive an email acknowledging receipt of their application.
- The successful applicants will be notified by email on/around February 15th, 2024 and agrees to share with the OEA community their journey throughout the year as the recipient of this prestigious award.



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Applicant First and Last Name

Applicant Email

OEA Number

Applicant Birthdate

Applicant Address

Applicant Phone #

Coach (first and last name)

Coach email

Coach Address

Coach Phone #

### Highest level I have competed at:

EV78

EV85

EV90

EV100

EV105/110

### Current horse:

Own

Lease

Partboard

School horse

Other

### Overview of Eventing Experience to Date:

**How Applicant Demonstrates Horsemanship, Sportsmanship and Positive Attitude - Additional documentation can be attached:**

**Current Source of Resources for Riding/Training:**

**Training Plan (to be developed in consultation with Coach) – Additional documentation can be attached:**

**Plans/Intentions to Give back to Eventing – Additional documentation can be attached:**

**Please describe any community activities you participate in, such as mentoring, volunteering, etc., - Additional documentation can be attached:**

**Please list any hobbies or other sports activities:**

**Please describe one or two meaningful achievements UNRELATED to eventing:**

**Declaration of Stewardship:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ as an applicant for the Zara Buren Memorial Award, agree to uphold character traits similar to Zara to celebrate her legacy; to have a positive attitude, encourage my fellow riders, and put the welfare of my horse first, so that everyone can have their best day.

Applicant's signature:

Signed by parent/guardian (if under 18):

Parent/Guardian name:

Date:

**Thank you for your application for the Zara Buren Memorial Award**