



# US EQUESTRIAN YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD

## APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

The primary goals of the US Equestrian Youth Sportsman's Award are to identify potential future leaders in the equine industry and to recognize youth for their achievements.

Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger as of December 1 of the current competition year, and active members in good standing with US Equestrian and a US Equestrian Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association. They should demonstrate ongoing commitment to the promotion of equestrian sport, serve as positive role models for their peers, be involved in community activities and exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles. Applicants may participate at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.

The overall US Equestrian Youth Sportsman's Award winner will receive a trophy, and a \$1,000 grant to be paid to an educational program. They will also be considered as a candidate for the US Equestrian Junior Equestrian of the Year. The Overall Reserve Winner will receive a \$500 educational grant

**MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE REST OF YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO YOUR USEF RECOGNIZED NATIONAL AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION OR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE ASSOCIATION**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ US Equestrian Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of US Equestrian Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I have composed my own essays. I understand and agree that applications which are incomplete will not be considered.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### SCHOLASTIC

Submit an official school transcript (certified by the school) detailing the past year of school. Please include an explanation of academic scoring if other than A, B, C or 100% system.

**Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ GPA on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale**

## ESSAYS

Complete the following essays on separate sheets. Answers must be typed in size 12 font. Suggested length is 500-700 words per essay. The main objective is to give the selection committee a clear understanding of your equine, school and community involvement.

1. Explain your equine-related activities, including any involvement with your US Equestrian Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association and/or US Equestrian. List any equestrian awards or honors you have received. A complete listing of competition wins is discouraged.
2. Explain your extracurricular activities, including school clubs, community service, or involvement with volunteer organizations. List any academic awards or honors that you have received.
3. Explain your future career goals.

## REFERENCES

Three signed letters of reference (as indicated below) are required. **Please do not include more than three** . They must be from adults (18 or over) who are not members of your family. Letters of reference should include observations of qualities, attributes and achievements that qualify you for the award.

**Each of the following is required:**

1. One letter of reference from an educational professional (principal, advisor or teacher).
2. One letter of reference from someone qualified to comment on your equine-related activities (trainer, instructor, officer/director of horse organization, club leader, etc.).
3. One letter of reference from someone outside of the equestrian community.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN

The parent/guardian of the applicant acknowledges that US Equestrian has the sole right to control, sell, supervise, or give away (or to assign to others the right to do so) the exclusive rights to broadcast, televise, reproduce, transmit, and disseminate all or part of this youth program and grants US Equestrian the right to make use of any photographs, films, or video taken of the entry in any way they see fit in the promotion of US Equestrian and equestrian sport. No such advertising or promotional rights shall include the right to use a nominee's name or likeness in any manner which implies endorsement of any company, product, category, or service.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**A RECENT 3" X 5" PHOTOGRAPH (HEAD AND SHOULDERS ONLY) SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION IS REQUIRED**

If you have any questions, you may contact Natalie Norwood, Director, National Breed/Discipline Affiliates, at 859.225.6951 or by email at [nnorwood@usef.org](mailto:nnorwood@usef.org). Complete program rules and additional forms are available on [usef.org](http://usef.org).



## YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD CONTACT INFORMATION

Below is a list containing the Youth Sportsman's Award contact for each of the Federation's Recognized Affiliates and International Discipline Associations. From the list below, please select the appropriate affiliate contact to whom you should submit your Youth Sportsman's Application. Applications should be submitted to the Affiliate of which you are a member. Affiliates will review each of their applicants and select one individual to advance to the next stage of the application process. The individual chosen should best resemble both the spirit of the Youth Sportsman's Award and the mission of the Affiliate.

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	EMAIL
American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS)	Cathy Blackmon	pooka7@sbcglobal.net
American Driving Society (ADS)	Stacy Carlson	stacy.carlson@americandrivingsociety.org
American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC)	Kathleen Henkel	office@aerc.org; kathleen@foothill.net
American Hackney Horse Society (AHHS)	Ashley Rader	ahhscsl@qx.net
American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA)	Katie Hodges	katie@morganhorse.com
American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA)	Rick Adams	photosbyhaley@yahoo.com
American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA)	Brenda Newell	b.newell@asha.net
American Shetland Pony Club (ASPC)	Jill Gleason	jill@shetlandminiature.com
American Vaulting Association (AVA)	Dana Heger	info@americanvaulting.org
Arabian Horse Association (AHA)	Brenna Whitlock	brenna.whitlock@arabianhorses.org
International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association (IALHA)	Karen Sausman	info@ialha.org; membership@ialha.org
International Friesian Show Horse Association (IFSHA)	Nancy Nathanson	ifsha@friesianshowhorse.org
National Show Horse Registry (NSHR)	Cindy Clinton	cindy@cindyclinton.com
Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA)	Erin Newell or Rebecca Steigmeyer	info@pfha.org; enewell@pfha.org; registration@pfha.org
United States Dressage Federation (USDF)	Jan Scarbrough	jscarbrough@usdf.org
United States Eventing Association (USEA)	Kate Lokey	klokey@useventing.com
United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA)	Marla Holt	MHolt@ushja.org
United States Para Equestrian Association (USPEA)	Hope Hand	wheeler966@aol.com
USA Reining (USAR)		info@usareining.us
Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America (WPCSA)	Lisa Landis	secretary@welshpony.org
Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA)	Diana "Dini" Swanson	dini@westerndressageassociation.org