



# US EQUESTRIAN YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD GUIDELINES

## PROGRAM GOALS

1. Identify potential future leaders in the equine industry from all breeds and disciplines.
2. Recognize youth members for their achievements both in and outside of the sport.

## REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Active junior membership in good standing with USEF and a USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association.
2. Age of eligibility—17 or under as of December 1 of the current competition year.
3. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of equestrian sport.
4. Serves as a positive role model for peers.
5. Participates at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.
6. Exhibits characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.
7. Community involvement.

## TIMELINE

1. The application process opens on May 1 of the respective year. Applications may be obtained from USEF or a USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association.
2. The USEF will notify the USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association with regard to submission deadlines for National Winners.
3. Applications and required materials must be submitted directly to the USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association and received by their office on or before September 5.
4. The Recognized National Affiliates or International Discipline Associations will then review each application submitted to their association. Each Affiliate will choose one individual to submit to the Federation for final consideration as the Overall and Reserve Youth Sportsman's Award winners.
5. Members of the National Breeds/Disciplines Council will review and discuss applications before selecting the Overall Reserve winners.
6. Final selection of the finalists for the overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will occur by December 1.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR USEF RECOGNIZED NATIONAL AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE ASSOCIATIONS

1. All completed applications, letters of recommendation and essays are to be submitted to the USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association.
2. Each USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association will then select one National Winner from the nominees.
3. The names of each USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association or International Discipline Association National Winner, along with completed paperwork and materials will then be submitted to the National Breeds/Disciplines Council.
4. The Council will select an Overall Winner of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award from the group of National Winners.

## AWARDS

1. USEF Recognized National Affiliate Associations that submit a nomination will receive \$1,500 for affiliate youth programs/events (see Affiliate grant criteria).
2. The Overall Winner of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will receive:
  - Youth Sportsman's Award commemorative trophy.
  - \$1,000 grant, to be paid to an educational program (see funding criteria).
  - A nomination for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year Award.
3. The Overall Reserve Winner will receive a \$500 grant.



## 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