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United States Hunter Jumper Association:

Nominations for the 2008 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award are now being accepted by the United States Equestrian Federation. This award recognizes junior members who are active and in good standing with the USEF and their own recognized national association.

The goal of the program is designed to develop leaders in the equine industry from all breeds and disciplines. This is an opportunity for the USEF to give back to the outstanding youth members and to recognize them for their achievements. The establishment of the program is far reaching and will benefit recognized associations, members, competitions and the USEF.

Please find enclosed the Guidelines for the Youth Sportsman's Award, an Application form, a Nomination form and Criteria for the Funding of the Scholarship. A colored map of the regions/districts/zones and listing by states for each recognized association is enclosed to assist with the selection of your national winner. Recognized associations without regions/districts/zones should nominate a junior member from their overall membership.

Applications and materials for the **national winner and alternate** should be mailed to the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511 (Attention: Karen Homer-Brown, Managing Director, National Affiliates) by October 31, 2007.

For more information, please contact Karen Homer-Brown, Managing Director, National Affiliates, via E-mail at khbrown@usef.org or (859) 225-6958.

Warmest regards,

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USEF YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD GUIDELINES

Goal

1. Develop leaders in the equine industry from all breeds and disciplines.
2. Give back to youth members and recognize them for their achievements.
3. Educate our youth about the career opportunities available within the equine industry.
4. Develop a program which can benefit competitions, members, recognized associations and the USEF.

Requirements

1. Active junior membership in good standing with the USEF and a recognized national association.
2. Age of eligibility (17 and under as of December 1, 2007).
3. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the USEF and the recognized association through the promotion of the horse.
4. Serve as a positive role model for peers.
5. Earn ribbon awards for accomplishments in horsemanship and junior exhibitor classes at the local, state or national levels of competition.
6. Exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.

Selection Procedure for Recognized Associations

1. It is suggested that recognized associations select nominees from each associations' district, region or zone. (Friesian, Paso Fino, Shetland and Connemara associations will select from their membership).
2. The nominee's completed application; letters of recommendation and resume are to be mailed to the recognized national association.
3. Each recognized national association will then select one **national winner** from the nominees. An alternate should be chosen in the event the **national winner** is unable to attend the workshop.
 - *The **national winner** must commit to attending the workshop. In the event they are unable to attend, they will need to notify the USEF 60 days out in order for the alternate to be invited to attend.*
4. The names of the recognized associations' **national winner and alternate**, along with their completed application, letters of recommendation and resume will then be submitted to the United States Equestrian Federation National Affiliates Working Group (NAWG).
5. The NAWG will select an **overall winner** of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award from the group of **national winners**.

