

## 2021 Youth Leadership Award

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*Re-save it to your computer to email as an attachment, or fax or send a hard copy to USHJA.*

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Each applicant must demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the USEF and USHJA by promoting the equestrian sport, demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship and serving as a role model for his or her peers. Applicants may participate at any level of competition, including local, state or national levels.

Applicants may attach additional pages if necessary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USHJA #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale

I verify that I am a current member of USHJA in good standing and am between 12 and 15 years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year.

1. Are you currently competing?  YES  NO

If "YES", in what division(s) and section(s) do you currently compete? Please include heights.

2. Please list and describe your *equestrian* participation and accomplishments, including the years of your participation and accomplishments.

3. Please list and describe your *academic and school related* participation and accomplishments, including the years of the participation and accomplishments.

4. Please list and describe your community service, including the years that the service took place.

5. What inspires you?

6. How do you envision your future involvement within the equestrian community?

7. How do you envision your future involvement in activities outside of the equestrian community?

8. List ten words that describe you.

**Required documents to submit with your application:**

- Copy of last year's report card of at least the last two (2) academic quarters demonstrating a minimum GPA of 3.0 or B average. Applicant *must* have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or B average to be considered for this award.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) letter must come from an equestrian professional who is a current USHJA member in good standing. One (1) letter must come from an adult who does not earn their living working in the equine industry who may or may not be a USHJA member. These two required reference letters may not come from a family member. Two (2) additional letters may also be submitted, but are not required.

The letters of recommendation must be sent directly to USHJA by those persons providing the recommendations. All responses will be kept confidential by USHJA. Provide the reference name and contact information below:

Equine professional:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USHJA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult who does not earn their living working in the equine industry:

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USHJA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional optional reference:

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USHJA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional optional reference:

4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USHJA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are reviewed by the USHJA Youth Committee and one Youth Leadership Award recipient is chosen by October 31 of each competition year. USHJA will notify the recipient and invite him or her to attend the awards presentation at the USHJA Annual Meeting in December. For publicity purposes, the Youth Committee may request a photo from the award recipient.

Applications are judged on the following:

- Equestrian participation and accomplishments
- Academic and school-related participation and accomplishments
- Community service
- Essay

I, as parent / legal guardian of the USHJA Youth Leadership Award applicant, acknowledge and agree that this program is the sole and exclusive property of USHJA. I further acknowledge and agree that USHJA has the exclusive right to control, manage, sell or otherwise assign all rights to photograph, televise, reproduce, transmit and disseminate all or part of the program and grant to USHJA the right to reproduce, preserve, distribute and use without limitation, the likeness of the applicant whether in photograph, film, videotape or other means obtained as part of this program, in any manner deemed appropriate by USHJA for the promotion of the organization or equestrian sport. Notwithstanding the foregoing permission, no advertising or promotional rights shall include the applicant's likeness or name in any manner which implies endorsement of any company, product, category or service.

***Please be advised:** The typing of your name below shall be considered to be an electronic signature and shall be considered to have the same legal effect and validity as your handwritten signature. Therefore, in so typing your name in the fields below, you are confirming this verification statement and the truth of the contents of the application.*

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**STOP!** If you are 12 to 15 years old (per USEF rules), you have choices! You are also eligible to apply for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award in addition to the USHJA Youth Leadership Award. Go to the [USHJA Youth Awards webpage](#) to access the application for the USEF Youth Leadership Award.

***Completed application must be received in the USHJA office or postmarked no later than August 15.***

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