US EQUESTRIAN NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD

APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

The primary goals of the US Equestrian National 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 (the start of the current competition year) and active members in good standing with US Equestrian and a US Equestrian Recognized National Affiliate 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 National Youth Sportsman's Award winner will receive a trophy, and a $1,000 grant to be paid to an educational program. The Overall Reserve Winner will receive a $500 educational grant

SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE REST OF YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO YOUR USEF RECOGNIZED NATIONAL AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION

**** Individuals will not be considered unless all of the following paperwork and requirements are completed and submitted to USEF through the Affiliate.***

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:_____ US Equestrian Membership #:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____ Birth Date:_____

Name of US Equestrian Recognized National Affiliate 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 INFORMATION

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

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REQUIRED MATERIAL

In order to highlight your involvement within the equine industry, please submit a resume detailing your activities within the community, time served as a volunteer and/or peer role model, and actions you have taken to help promote equestrian sport. Your resume may be more than one page, but do not exceed two (2) pages.
Required Material:

1. Equine-related activities: include any involvement with your US Equestrian Recognized National Affiliate Association and/or US Equestrian and any other organization such as 4H or the FFA.
2. Equestrian awards or honors you have received: A complete listing of competition wins is discouraged.
3. Extracurricular activities, including school clubs, community service, or involvement with volunteer organizations.
4. Academic awards or honors that you have received.
5. In a separate section on your resume, use a short paragraph to briefly explain your future career goals.

A small number of selected finalists are required to participate in a video conference interview with the US Equestrian selection team.

REQUIRED 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.

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 HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTO SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION IS REQUIRED

If you have any questions, you may contact Emily McSweeney, National Breed/Discipline Program Coordinator at 859-225-6977 or by email at emcsweeney@usef.org.
Complete program rules and additional forms are available on usef.org.

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NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD CONTACT INFORMATION

Below is a list containing the National Youth Sportsman's Award contact for each of the Federation's Recognized Affiliates. From the list below, please select the appropriate affiliate contact to whom you should submit your National 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 National Youth Sportsman's Award and the mission of the Affiliate.

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	EMAIL
American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS)	Cathy Blackmon	pooka7@sbcglobal.net
American Hackney Horse Society (AHHS)	Taylor Gregory	ahhscsl@qx.net
American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA)	Carrie Mortensen	carrie@morganhorse.com
American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA)	Rick Adams	roadhorses1966@gmail.com
American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA)	Samantha Gellar	s.gellar@asha.net
American Vaulting Association (AVA)	Rosie Brown	lonestarvaulters@gmail.com
Arabian Horse Association (AHA)	Brenna Johnson	brenna.johnson@arabianhorses.org
International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association (IALHA)	Kaeli Dressler	info@ialha.org
International Friesian Show Horse Association (IFSHA)	Gareth Selwood	selwoodp@idcnet.com
National Show Horse Registry (NSHR)	Cindy Clinton	cindy@cindyclinton.com
Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA)	José M. Colón	joscolon@gmail.com
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United States Eventing Association (USEA)	Kate Lokey	klokey@useventing.com
United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA)	Whitney Barnard	wbarnard@ushja.org
United States Para Equestrian Association (USPEA)	Hope Hand	wheeler966@aol.com
Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America (WPCSA)	Lisa Landis	secretary@welshpony.org
Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA)	Dini Swanson	dini@westerndressageassociation.org

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