



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION
USEF Youth Sportsman's Award

USDF Nominee Guidelines

Program Goals

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.

USDF Nomination Requirements

1. Active USDF Youth Participating Membership.
2. Active USEF Junior Membership in good standing (17 and under as of December 1, 2008).
3. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment and dedication to the USEF and the recognized association (USDF) through the promotion of the horse.
4. Serves as a positive role model for peers.
5. Earned ribbon awards for accomplishments in horsemanship and junior exhibitor classes at the local, state, or national levels of competition.
6. Exhibits characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.
7. The national winner must commit to attending the USEF Career Workshop, to be held in Lexington, KY (dates TBA). *(If not able to fulfill this requirement, an alternate nominee will be chosen.)*

Application Procedure

1. The nominee's completed application, including all supporting documents, and photo are to be mailed to the USDF Youth Council Liaison, United States Dressage Federation, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, or e-mailed to youth@usdf.org.
 - An application is not considered complete and cannot be accepted without all required documents.
 - Refer to official Nominee Application form for complete description of required support documents. The official Nominee Application form may be accessed at www.usef.org (under 'Youth Programs').
2. The nominees completed application and supporting documents must be **postmarked by October 1, 2009**