



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

USDF Nominee 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.
3. Provide exposure to committees, governance and career opportunities available within the equine industry.

USDF Nomination Requirements

1. Must have an active USDF Youth Participating Membership in good standing.
2. Must have an active USEF Junior Membership in good standing.
3. Age of eligibility—17 and under as of December 1 of the current competition year.
4. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of equestrian sport.
5. Serves as a positive role model for peers.
6. Participates at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.
7. Exhibits characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.
8. Community involvement.

Application Procedure

The nominee's completed application, including all supporting documents, and photo are to be mailed to the USDF Youth Programs 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 nominees completed application and supporting documents must be **postmarked by October 1st**.

Awards

The National Winner selected to represent USDF will be honored during the USEF Annual Meeting and will receive:

- A complimentary one-year USDF Youth Participating Membership
- \$500 grant, to be paid to the educational program of their choice.
- Invitation to the USEF Annual Meeting to attend committee and board meetings, equine industry career session (possible tour as well) and awards banquet. Hotel, possible tour expenses and meals will be provided by USEF. Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to \$500.

The Overall Winner of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will receive in addition:

- Youth Sportsman's Award commemorative trophy.
- Additional \$500 grant, to be paid to an educational program.
- A USEF Life Membership (valued at \$2,500).
- A nomination for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year Award.
- A USDF Five-Year Participating Membership