



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION
USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year

The USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding youth volunteer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment "...to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage." –USDF mission statement.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be a current USDF Participating Member (PM) or USDF Group Member(GM).
- Current members of the USDF staff are not eligible.
- Nominee must have volunteered a minimum of 25 hours during the current membership year on any dressage related events including, but not limited to:
Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships, Great American Insurance Group USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals, Adequan/USDF National Symposiums, Adequan /USDF Annual Conventions, USDF Adult Clinics, USDF Adult Team Competitions, USDF Youth Regional Team Championships, USDF Jr/YR Rider Clinics, USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Programs, USDF "L" Education Programs, USDF Instructor Certification Programs, Succeed FEI-Level Trainers Conferences, and any GMO sponsored educational activities.

Nomination Process:

- Nominations can be made by any current USDF GM or PM.
- Person nominating will required to complete a questionnaire about the individual being nominated on their volunteer efforts at the national, regional, and local level.
- Nomination forms will be available on the USDF website.
- Deadline for receipt of nominations by the USDF office is August 31st.
- All nominees will be notified that they have been nominated, and will receive a congratulatory letter, signed by the President of USDF. The winner will be notified by October 1st.
- The winner must agree to attend the Adequan/ USDF Annual Convention in the year of the nomination. The deadline to commit to attend the Convention is October 15. Runners up and other nominees are also encouraged to attend Convention.
- The winner will be recognized at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention.

Selection:

- Winner will be selected by the USDF Youth Programs Committee.

Award:

- The recipient will be presented with a perpetual trophy at the USDF Annual Convention, and will receive a "keeper" trophy.
- There will also be a press release, and the winner will be featured in the Yearbook issue of USDF *Connection*.

For more information, please contact the Youth Programs Liaison at: youth@usdf.org or (859) 971-2277



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Nomination Form

The USDF member nominating a Youth Volunteer of the Year candidate must complete the questionnaire below on a separate sheet and mail to USDF, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY, 40511, Attn: Youth Programs Liaison
You may also submit completed applications via fax to (859)-971-7722 or email youth@usdf.org

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Nominating Member: _____ USDF #: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Name of Candidate: _____ USDF #: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT DETAILED ANSWERS AND ATTACH SEPARATELY.

1. What makes this nominee an extraordinary Volunteer?
2. What particular dressage related project or projects had this nominee volunteered for that has involved over 25 hours of dedication during the current membership year? Describe in detail.
3. Why do you feel your nominee has made a unique contribution "...to education, the recognition of achievement and the promotion of the sport of dressage"?
4. Provide a detailed profile of the nominee's volunteer activities.

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