



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

Youth Volunteer of the Year award

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 promotion of dressage." ~ USDF mission statement.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be 21 years or younger.
- Nominee must be a current USDF Participating Member (PM), USDF Group Member (GM), or USDF Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member (IM) in good standing.
- Current members of the USDF Youth Executive Board and USDF staff are not eligible.
- Nominee must have volunteered a minimum of 25 cumulative hours between September 1 of the previous calendar year and August 31 of the current calendar year on any dressage related events at the local, regional, or national level. Examples of appropriate events include, but are 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 Regional Team Competitions, USDF Youth Regional Team Championships, USDF FEI Jr/YR Rider Clinics, USDF "L" Education Programs, USDF Instructor Certification Programs, Succeed FEI-Level Trainers Conferences, IMO activities, and any GMO sponsored educational activities.

Nomination Process:

- Nominations can be made by any current USDF GM, PM, or IM.
- Person nominating will be 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 31.
- 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 members of the USDF Youth Executive Board.
- The USDF Youth Council Chairperson is a non-voting advisor.
- Winner must commit to attending the USDF Annual Convention and Salute Gala presentation.

Award:

- The recipient will be presented with a perpetual trophy at the USDF Annual Convention, and will receive a "keeper" trophy.
- The winner receives a \$ 500 Youth Convention Scholarship provided by the Youth Executive Board to help defray costs of attending the USDF Annual Convention.
- 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 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 Council Liaison*.
You may also submit completed applications via fax to (859)-971-7722 or e-mail to youth@usdf.org.

Date: _____
Nominating Member: _____ USDF #: _____
Phone # _____
Name of Candidate: _____ USDF #: _____
Phone # _____

PLEASE SUBMIT DETAILED ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING 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 time period specified by the criteria? 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 dressage"?
4. Provide a detailed profile of the nominee's volunteer activities.

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Applications are due in the USDF office no later than August 31st.