



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION  
**USDF Volunteer of the Year**  
Presented by *The Paddock Saddlery*

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The USDF Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional commitment toward carrying out USDF's mission: "dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of dressage."

### Criteria

- Nominee must be a current USDF Participating Member (PM) or a USDF Group Member (GM).
- Nominee must have been a USDF member (PM or GM) for a minimum of five years.
- Nominee must have volunteered a minimum of 25 hours during the current year on any USDF-related project at the local, regional, or national level, with national volunteerism more heavily weighted.
- Nominee should demonstrate consistent and cumulative volunteer activities over the past five years at USDF recognized events, including Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals, National Symposiums, Adequan/USDF Annual Conventions, Adult Clinics, Adult Team Competitions, Youth Regional Team Championships, FEI Junior/Young Rider Clinics, Young Rider Graduate Programs, "L" Education Programs, Instructor Certification Programs, and Trainers Conferences.

### Nomination Process

- Nominations can be made by any current USDF PM or GM.
- Person nominating will be required to complete a questionnaire containing detailed information on the volunteer efforts of the individual being nomination at the national, regional, and local level.
- Current members of the USDF Executive Board and staff are not eligible for nomination.
- Nomination forms will be available on the USDF Web site.
- Deadline for receipt of nominations by the USDF office is **August 31**.
- All nominees will be notified that they have been nominated by September 15 and will receive a congratulatory letter, signed by the President.
- All nominees must agree to attend the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in the year of nomination in order to remain in contention. The deadline to commit to attend the convention is October 15.
- The winner will be announced at the convention.

### Award

- The recipient will be presented with a perpetual trophy at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, which will be permanently housed in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame. The recipient will receive a "keeper" trophy.
- The recipient will receive a \$500 gift certification from *The Paddock Saddlery*.
- There will be a press release and the winner will be featured in the yearbook issue of *USDF Connection*.

For more information, please contact [voyaward@usdf.org](mailto:voyaward@usdf.org) or (859) 971-2277



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**NOMINATION FORM**

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The USDF member nominating a Volunteer of the Year must complete the questionnaire below on a separate sheet and mail it to the USDF office. Applications may also be submitted via fax to (859) 971-2277, or e-mailed to [voyaward@usdf.org](mailto:voyaward@usdf.org).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominating Member

USDF Number

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Name of Candidate

USDF Number

PLEASE SUBMIT DETAILED ANSWERS AND ATTACH SEPARATELY.

1. What makes this nominee an extraordinary Volunteer?
2. What particular USDF project or projects has this nominee volunteered for that has involved over 25 hours of dedication during the current year? Describe in detail.
3. Why do you feel your nominee has made a unique contribution to USDF's mission: "Dedicated 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 over the last five years.

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