Equine Land Conservation Achievement Award

2018 Nomination Form

INTRODUCTION

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF), in conjunction with the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR), offer the Equine Land Conservation Achievement Award (ELCAA). This award recognizes exemplary leadership, accomplishments and commitment demonstrated by an individual, group of individuals, USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) or business in furthering the protection and conservation of equine lands, especially those associated with the USDF mission and the interests of the dressage community.

ABOUT THE ELCR

Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) was started in 1997 by a group of concerned horse people who wisely recognized the loss of open land as the greatest threat to our nation's equine industry, which includes breeding, equine sports and recreational equine activities. Since its inception, ELCR has remained the only national association dedicated to saving land for horse-related activity, providing educational and advocacy assistance in the issue areas of community land use planning, equine access to public and private lands, best management practices, economic and liability issues.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

Recognizing that land is saved locally, the ELCR Board of Directors seeks to recognize individuals, USDF GMOs, and businesses that have made an outstanding contribution to conserving or protecting land for equine use through their extraordinary generosity of time, effort, and expertise. The goal of the award is to recognize leaders and advocates who actively engage in land conservation, stewardship and access to land for equine activities; those who work to raise awareness of equine land loss issues; and those who can provide successful, model solutions to their equine land related issues.

EVALUATION OF NOMINATIONS

The following evaluation and selection criteria will be used by the committee in the review and selection process. The nominating committee shall be composed of both USDF and ELCR representatives.

1. The overall merit of the achievements or project for which the individual(s)/USDF GMO/business has been nominated.
2. The enduring significance, impact and sustainability of the project(s) to the equine community with which the nominee was involved.
2. The nominee's vision, wisdom and perseverance.
3. The nominee's demonstration of community or organizational leadership.
4. The nominee's success in collaborating with and uniting a diversity of stakeholders to achieve a common goal.
6. The impact of the project or achievement on the national level to serve as an inspirational example to others.

CONSERVATION CRITERIA

The following is a listing of the types of activities that will be considered as important to equine land conservation. Similar activities not listed will also be considered. Use the instructions shown with an asterisk (*) under each activity to answer question number 1 in the Nominator Response section below.

1. Creating and implementing

    a. A conservation easement on private land for equine use, or
    b. A new land trust to administer new easements.
    *Give specifics on the land trust and the land administered.

2. Leading or successfully facilitating preservation of open land, facilities or trails (for equine use) without establishing conservation easements per se. *Describe the area, equine use and process for agreement and maintenance.

3. Working with community planners to

    a. Protect or clarify existing equine land use, or
    b. Develop a specific equine land use master plan.
    *Summarize the nominee's participation in planning, the process, plan language and results, and include any positive reflections.

4. Working to save an existing equine facility such as

    a. A riding and/or show stable;
    b. An equestrian accessible park;
    c. A trailhead or equestrian campsite; etc.
    *Describe the land/facility, summarize the historical use and describe the new or revitalized use.

5. Creating an equine organization that successfully addresses equine land issues with the community. *Describe the organization's initial reason for being, what has been accomplished, and discuss future goals or plans.

6. Working with private equine landowners to implement best management practices (BMPs) on their land. *Describe BMPs and how they benefit the community, issues addressed, and success of implementation.

7. Working with public land managers to successfully maintain or develop new equine access and uses. *Describe your relationship with the public entity, how you engaged with the entity, and results.

8. Leading equine land and facilities maintenance volunteers. *Describe how you organized the volunteers, work accomplished and what effect your group has had on equine access to trails or facilities.

For additional information - If you have questions or need additional information regarding the joint USDF/ELCR **Award for Achievements in Equine Land Conservation** please contact Denise O'Meara, Director of Education, ELCR at domeara@elcr.org or 859-455-8383.

Nominee Information: Please indicate if your nomination for the Award for Achievements in Equine Land Conservation is an individual, group of individuals, USDF GMO, or business and complete the following information):

Nominees must have a current USDF Participating, Group, Education, or Business Membership, or be a current USDF GMO in good standing at the time of nomination.

_____ Individual _____ Group of Individuals

_____ USDF Group Member Organization _____ Business

Name (individual(s), USDF GMO, or business)_____
_____
Contact Person: _____
Street Address_____
City State Zip_____
Email address: _____ Telephone: _____
Equine and/or Conservation Organization Affiliation(s) _____
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NOMINATOR RESPONSE SECTION

Please respond briefly and concisely to the following questions, regarding your nomination, either serially or in an essay format.

1) Explain why you are nominating this individual, group of individuals, USDF GMO, or business for the award. Indicate the activity they pursued per the Conservation Criteria above, and provide a description as shown by the (*) with the specific activity.

2) Comment on the enduring significance, (impact?) and sustainability of the project(s) to the equine community:

3) Describe how the nominee demonstrates extraordinary vision, wisdom and perseverance:

4) Describe the nominee's success in demonstrating community leadership and collaborating with and unifying diverse stakeholders to achieve a common goal:

6) Describe the impact, of the project or achievement, on a national level and how it serves as an inspirational example to others:

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Each submission **must** be supported by two separate nominators**.**

1) Nominated by (required):_____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

2) Nominated by (required):_____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

SUBMITTAL OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations may be submitted by any constituent of USDF. Such nominations may be actively solicited from USDF members, GMOs, or from other related entities which reflect the missions of both USDF and ELCR. Candidates may be single individuals or a group of individuals who have a current USDF membership, a USDF Group Member Organization, or a current USDF Business Member. The nomination form may be obtained from the USDF office or downloaded from the USDF website. **Nominations must be received by August 31, 2018 for consideration. Nominations can be submitted electronically to usdressage@usdf.org, or downloaded and mailed to the following address:**

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