



USEF YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD

APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

The primary goals of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award are to identify potential future leaders in the equine industry and to recognize youth for their achievements.

Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger as of December 1 of the competition year, and active members in good standing with USEF and a USEF Recognized Association or International Discipline Association. They should demonstrate ongoing commitment to the promotion of equestrian sport, serve as a positive role models for their peers, be involved in community activities and exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles. Applicants may participate at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.

All USEF Recognized Association or International Discipline Association winners will be honored during the USEF Annual Meeting, invited to an equine industry career session and will receive a \$500 grant, to be paid to the educational program of their choice.

The overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award winner will also receive a trophy, an additional \$500 grant to be paid to an educational program and a USEF Life Membership (valued at \$2,500). They will also be considered as a candidate for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year.

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE REST OF YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO YOUR USEF RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATION OR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE ASSOCIATION.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ USEF Membership #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name of USEF Recognized Association or International Discipline Association: _____ Membership #: _____

The information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I have composed my own essays. I understand and agree that applications which are incomplete will not be considered.

Signature of Applicant

Date

SCHOLASTIC

Submit an official school transcript (certified by the school) detailing the past year of school. Please include an explanation of academic scoring if other than A, B, C or 100% system.

Class rank _____ out of _____ GPA on a _____ point scale

ESSAYS

Respond to the following prompts on separate sheets. Answers must be typed in size 12 font. Suggested length is 500-700 words per essay. The main objective is to give the selection committee a clear understanding of your equine, school and community involvement.

1. Explain your equine-related activities, including any involvement with your USEF Recognized Association or International Discipline Association and/or USEF. List any equestrian awards or honors you have received. A complete listing of competition wins is discouraged.

2. Explain your extracurricular activities, including school clubs, community service, or involvement with volunteer organizations. List any academic awards or honors that you have received.
3. Explain your future career goals.

REFERENCES

Three signed letters of reference (as indicated below) are required. They must be from adults (18 or over) who are not members of your family. Letters of reference should include observations of qualities, attributes and achievements that qualify you for the award.

Each of the following is required:

1. One letter of reference from an educational professional (principal, advisor or teacher).
2. One letter of reference from someone qualified to comment on your equine-related activities (trainer, instructor, officer/director of horse organization, club leader, etc.).
3. One letter of reference from someone outside of the equestrian community.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

The parent/guardian of the applicant acknowledges that USEF has the sole right to control, sell, supervise, or give away (or to assign to others the right to do so) the exclusive rights to broadcast, televise, reproduce, transmit, and disseminate all or part of this youth program and grants USEF the right to make use of any photographs, films, or video taken of the entry in any way they see fit in the promotion of USEF and equestrian sport. No such advertising or promotional rights shall include the right to use a nominee's name or likeness in any manner which implies endorsement of any company, product, category, or service.

Parental/Guardian Signature for Release of Information/Photo _____

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

A RECENT 3" X 5" PHOTOGRAPH (HEAD AND SHOULDERS ONLY) SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION IS REQUIRED.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jennifer Mellenkamp, Director, National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Youth Programs, at 859.225.6955 or by email at jmellenkamp@usef.org. Complete program rules and additional forms are available on usef.org.