



The Perpetual Sportsmanship Award

In Memory of Walter Bourchier Devereux, III

Criteria: Awarded to the horseman or horsewoman who personifies the ideals of the current Sportsman's Charter through commitment and dedication to the sport.

The US Equestrian Federation Sportsman's Charter:

That sport is something done for the fun of doing it and that it ceases to be sport when it becomes a business only, something done for what there is in it;

That amateurism is something of the heart and spirit - not a matter of exact technical qualifications;

That good manners of sport are fundamentally important;

That the code must be strictly upheld;

That the whole structure of sport is not only preserved from the absurdity of undue importance, but is justified by a kind of romance which animates it, and by the positive virtues of courage, patience, good temper, and unselfishness which are demanded by the code;

That the exploitation of sport for profit alone kills the spirit and retains only the husk and semblance of the thing;

That the qualities of frankness, courage, and sincerity which mark the good sportsman in private life shall mark the discussions of his interests at a competition.

Selection of Winner: Nominations are submitted by US Equestrian Recognized Affiliate Associations and Breed/Discipline Committees. The names and biographical information of nominees are submitted to the Pegasus Award Selection Group for selection.

Award: Presented at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the annual meeting.

Timeline: Nominations will be accepted beginning in **August**. Affiliated Association Presidents, Executive Directors, and Committees are solicited for nominations by the deadline of **October 15, 2025**. Once all nominations are in, the Awards Committee reviews them against the criteria and forwards them to the National Officers and Chairs of the two Sports Councils. The winner is notified and invited to the Pegasus Awards Gala.

Perpetual Trophy: Sterling tray and two-handled cup with cover

Past Winners:

2019 Sandra Ruiz

2020 Debbi Long

2021 Ralph Caristo

2022 Charolette Skinner-Robson

2023 Misdee Wrigley Miller

2024 Cynthia Richardson