

The USEF Lifetime Achievement Award

Criteria: Awarded to the horseman or woman whose lifetime experience and accomplishments exemplify uncommon devotion to the sport of competition with horses and whose equestrian career and horsemanship have continually elevated the sport's excellence. Special emphasis is placed on length of service and a broad industry impact.

Selection of Winner: Nominations come from US Equestrian general membership, via solicitations on the website and in e-communications. If the response to this is poor, the Board is also asked to submit nominations. The USEF Officers along with the Chairmen of the two Sports Councils (Pegasus Awards Selection Group) select the winner from the pool of nominees.

Award: Presented at the US Equestrian Pegasus Awards Gala during the Annual Meeting.

Timeline: Solicitation begins in July, however, nominations will be accepted all year long with a deadline of October 15, 2025. The Officers may also be asked for nominations. The names of non-winners from previous years may be resubmitted each year upon recommendation of the Pegasus Awards Selection Group. The Awards Committee will review nominees beginning in October to verify eligibility and move nominees to the Pegasus Medal of Honor nominee list if warranted. A list of nominees is sent to all the Pegasus Awards Selection Group so that they can select the winner in October.

Perpetual Trophy

Past Winners:

2019 Ellen Di Bella

2020 Sally Ike

2021 Kathy Kusner

Howard Simpson

2022 Hope Hand

2023 Cecile Hetzel Dunn

2024 Lendon Grav