



Richard E. McDevitt Award of Merit

This award is named for Richard E. McDevitt, President of AHSA from 1975 to 1987.

In 1992, he received the Award of Merit, and he was its only recipient until 2003.

Criteria: Awarded posthumously for meritorious service to equestrian sport.

Selection of Winner: Awarded to an individual who passed away between September 1, 2025, and October 14, 2026. To be awarded at the discretion of the Pegasus Awards Selection Group. Recipients of the following awards are ineligible for the Award of Merit: Lifetime Achievement Award or Pegasus Medal of Honor.

Award: Recognition to family and friends awarded at the Pegasus Awards Gala during the Annual Meeting.

Timeline: Nominations can be accepted year-round from Affiliated Association Presidents and Executive Directors along with Breed and Discipline Committees. Nominations will be due **October 14, 2026**. The US Equestrian marketing department will review past press releases for any additional nominees that may fit the criteria. The nominees are forwarded to the National Officers and the Chairs of the two Sports Councils for selection. The family and friends of the winner(s) are notified and invited to the Pegasus Awards Gala.

Perpetual Trophy: Sterling silver reverse bowl

Past Winners:

2020	Carol Bessette Carol Dean Porter Col. John Russell Eve Lloyd Thompson Gay Culverhouse Kip Rosenthal Larry Alcorn Patrick "Packy" McGaughan Richard Petty Steven Blauner		Sue Hershey Tremaine Cooper Vickey Bowman Grace Greenlee Joanne Crockett		Stephen Soule, VMD Peggy Thomas
		2022	William "Bill" Ellis John King Don "Pusito" Lopez Richard Picken Nancy Turrill	2024	Margaret "Sissie" Anderton Trish Gilbert Larry Jerome Fran Steinwedell Patty Stovel
2021	Anne Barlow Ramsay Glena Wirtanen Jodi Zeier John Franzreb Lewis Haines Mason Phelps Naomi Blumenthal Richard Taylor	2023	Kevin Freeman Karen Golding William "Bill" Hughes Carol Lavell Suzy Lucine Dr. Meg "Muggy" Mullin	2025	Fran Crumpler John Green Becky Grand Hart Mary Anne McPhail Mary Alice Malone Gareth Selwood Diana Dodge Brian Flynn Linda Andrisani

