



The Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders' Cup

(Inaugural Year 1998)

In 1998, USA Equestrian officers instituted a new award called the Breeders' Cup to honor the memory of American Saddlebred owner and breeder Ellen Scripps Davis.

They chose five initial recipients.

Criteria: The Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders' Cup recognizes an individual and/or breeding enterprise that consistently breeds outstanding performance and show horses. The award honors the role that good breeding plays in developing and improving performance and show horses.

Selection of Winner: Nominated by National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees, including the Breeders' Committee and selected by the Awards Committee. Selections are subject to the approval of USEF Executive Staff. In the event insufficient nominations are received by the Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees, USEF Marketing and Sports staff may put nominations forward.

Award: Given at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the US Equestrian Federation's annual meeting.

Timeline: The Awards Desk will send out reminders to Sport Program Liaisons to initiate tracking potential candidates for The Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders' Cup. Mailings will then be sent to National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees containing informational packets and nomination forms. Nominations may be accepted year-round with a deadline of **October 14, 2026**. Nominations with short bios are forwarded to the USEF Awards Committee.

Bios should include:

- Number of years breeding horses
- Championships or other notable highlights
- Number of horses produced
- Impact on breed or discipline

Perpetual Trophy: Sterling silver two-handled cup; horse handle on the cover

Past Winners:

2020	Rolling Woods Farm / Dr. Ruth Wilburn Oak Hill Ranch / Richard Freeman
2021	Sporting Chance Farm
2022	Eleanor Hamilton Maryanna Haymon
2023	Dragonsmeade Farm
2024	Larry Jerome & Dr. Tom Sayvetz
2025	Kohler Stables & Hyperion Stud, LLC



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Nominee Name: _____

Nominee City/State: _____ Email: _____

Please respond to the questions below to the best of your knowledge. It is strongly suggested you include letters of recommendation with award nominations. Please include THREE (3) high-resolution images of the nominee that could be used in promotion for the award.

How many years has this individual and/or breeding enterprise been involved in equestrian sports?

How many years has this individual and/or breeding enterprise been breeding horses?

How many horses has this individual and/or breeding enterprise produced?

Please list Champions produced or other notable highlights:

Please describe the impact this individual and/or breeding enterprise has had on their breed or discipline:

What makes this individual and/or breeding enterprise an outstanding nominee for this award?

Nominated By: _____

What is your relationship to the nominee? _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

Please submit this form by October 14, 2026, via mail or email.

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