US EQUESTRIAN NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S AWARD
GUIDELINES

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Identify potential future leaders in the equine industry from all breeds and disciplines.
2. Recognize youth members for their achievements both in and outside of the sport.

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Active junior membership in good standing with USEF and a USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association.
2. Age of eligibility—17 or under as of December 1-the start of the current competition year.
3. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of equestrian sport.
4. Serves as a positive role model for peers.
5. Participates at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.
6. Exhibits characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.
7. Community involvement.

TIMELINE

1. The application process opens on May 1 of the respective year. Applications may be obtained from USEF or a USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association.
2. Applications and required materials must be submitted directly to the USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association on or before August 15.
4. The Recognized National Affiliates review each application submitted to their association. Each Affiliate will choose one individual to submit to the Federation as their nominee for the Overall and Reserve Youth Sportsman's Award winners.
5. Selection of the finalists for the overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will occur by December 1.

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR USEF RECOGNIZED NATIONAL AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE ASSOCIATIONS

1. Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association.
2. Each USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association may select one nominee to present to US Equestrian.
3. The names of each USEF Recognized National Affiliate Association nominee, along with completed paperwork and materials must be submitted to the US Equestrian for a final selection of the overall and reserve finalists.

AWARDS

For Youth Members

1. The Overall Winner of the USEF National Youth Sportsman's Award will receive:
    - National Youth Sportsman's Award commemorative trophy.
    - $1,000 grant, to be paid to an educational program (see funding criteria).
2. The Overall Reserve Winner will receive a $500 grant.

For National Affiliates

1. USEF Recognized National Affiliate Associations that submit a nomination, complete with all the required paperwork, will receive $1,500 for affiliate youth programs/events (see Affiliate grant criteria).
2. Affiliate will not be eligible for a grant if the nominee's required application and corresponding material is not complete and submitted in its entirety.

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