Equestrians of the Year

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Annual Equestrians of Honor Awards

Criteria: Awarded to the National and International horseman or horsewoman who have excelled above all others in equestrian competition for the current year, while demonstrating superior sportsmanship and dedication to the principles, vision, and mission of the United States Equestrian Federation. The nominee must be an active, competing member in good standing. There is no age limitation for Equestrian of the Year.

Selection of Winners and Timeline: In September, the Awards Desk will send out reminders to Sport Program Liaisons to initiate tracking potential candidates for Equestrian of the Year. Mailings will be sent to National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees containing informational packets and nomination forms. Nominations will be accepted starting in September. Nominees will be contacted to be notified of nomination and will be asked to provide:

- Name and Contact Information
- Highlights of the current year’s notable competition accomplishments
- A brief bio to include personal information, examples of volunteer work, and a brief synopsis of past show record.
- Nominations should be limited to no more than 2 pages in length

International Nominees selected from the current year’s winner of the:
- William C. Steinkraus Trophy
- Becky Grand Hart Trophy

National nominees selected from the current year’s winner of the:
- Bill Robinson Trophy
- Emerson Burr Trophy
- C. J. "June" Cronan, Jr. Trophy
- Barbara Worth Oakford Trophy
- Norman K. Dunn Trophy
- Vaughn Smith Trophy

Multiple nominations may be made throughout the competition year by the National Affiliates, the USEF Breed/Discipline committees, and the USEF Sport Programs and Communications staff. In the event insufficient nominations are received by the Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees, USEF Marketing and Sport Staff may put nominations forward. An individual can be nominated and win this award more than once. Nominations close November 5th and must include current year’s accomplishments and overall credentials. Nominations may be accepted past the published deadline in special circumstances if the Awards Desk is notified in advance. Please contact Alice Adams aadams@usef.org with any questions regarding late nominations. Nominations will then be forwarded to the Awards committee. The committee will meet to select the Equestrians of Honor.
All Equestrians of Honor are notified of their selection, by email, of their categorical wins and invited to accept their awards in person during the Pegasus Dinner at the Annual Meeting. Nominees' names (with short bios) will be posted on the website for voting on as defined below.

The semi-finalists will be voted on in secret ballot by the general membership.

Voters will rank the National and International semifinalists in order of preference. Duplicate or incorrect ballots are void. Voting closes December 30th. Votes tabulate as follows:

- 1st = 5 points
- 2nd = 3 points
- 3rd = 1 point

The National candidate with the most points will be the National Equestrian of the Year and the International candidate with the most points will be the International Equestrian of the Year. In case of a tie, the candidate with the most 1st places in the block ranking wins, then the most 2nd places, then the most 3rd places until the winner is determined.

**Award**: All Equestrians of Honor will be mailed their awards. The Equestrian of the Year will be announced to the public during the virtual awards presentation.

**Perpetual Trophy**: coin silver two-handled cup depicting war scene

**Past Winners**:

- 1990  Becky Hart
- 1991  Margie Goldstein Engle
- 1992  Carol Lavell
- 1993  Hap Hansen
- 1994  Tom Moore
- 1995  Anne Kursinski
- 1996  A. Michele MacFarlane
- 1997  Elisabeth Goth
- 1998  Valerie J. Kanavy
- 1999  Debbie McDonald
- 2000  David J. O'Connor
- 2001  Todd Minikus
- 2002  David J. O'Connor
- 2003  Chris Kappler
- 2004  Kim Severson
- 2005  Beezie Madden
- 2006  Beezie Madden
- 2007  Karen O'Connor
- 2008  Steffen Peters
- 2009  Steffen Peters
2010  Tom McCutcheon
2011  Steffen Peters
2012  Rich Fellers
2013  Beezie Madden
2014  Beezie Madden
2015  Elisabeth Goth
2016  Phillip Dutton & Laura Graves
2017  McLain Ward & Laura Graves
2018  Laura Graves
2019  Beezie Madden & Nick Haness
2020  Kent Farrington & Tracy Fenney
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2001 Todd Minikus, Bryant Pace, Darrel Kolkman, Daniel Robertshaw, Dena Lopez, Bill Porcher, NA
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2003 Chris Kappler, Cia Reis, Richard Ames, Scott Stewart, Joel Keisner, Bob Hart, Jr., Oliver Brown
2004 Kim Severson, Lynn Seidemann, Gerry Rushton, Stephanie Desiderio, Rob Byers, Gordon Potts, Gareth Selwood
2005 Beezie Madden, Devon Maitozo, Raymond Shively, Louise Serio, Mike Goebig, Garn Walker, Gregory Gallun
2006 Beezie Madden, Megan Benjamin & Tim McQuay, Judith M. Whitney Harris, John French, Barbara Goodman Manilow, Rick Gault, Bruce Howard
2007 Karen O’Connor, Miranda Cadwell, Georgia Blevins, Scott Stewart, Michele Macfarlane, Stanley White, Jr., Andrew Sellman
2009 Steffen Peters, Suzy Stafford, Dr. Alan Raun, John French, Vicki Humphrey, Tommy Garland, Kenneth Wheeler
2010 McLain Ward, Tom McCutcheon, Nadine Tilley, Hunt Tosh, Merrill Murray, Daryl Hopson, Michael Byatt, Lauren LaVine
2011 Steffen Peters, Chester Weber, Karen Waldron, Scott Stewart, Debbie Foley, Janice Giles, Steven Stiller, Danielle Barrasso
2012 Rich Fellers, Jonathan Wentz, Gilbert “Gib” Marcucci, Jennifer Alfano, Matthew Siemon, Joe Reser, Bruce Griffin, Wendy Griffith Potts
2013 Beezie Madden, Chester Weber, Chris & Sonya Bickford, Liza Boyd, Jimmy Stachowski, Rick Gervasio, Bruce Griffin, Martha Rattner
2014 Beezie Madden, Diane Kastama, Gareth Selwood, Liza Boyd, Mary Gaylord Mclean, Jacques Van Niekerk, Bruce Griffin, Howard Peet, Larry Hoffman
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2021 USEF Equestrian of the Year Nomination

Please submit this form by the deadline, November 5th, 2021 to:
Alice Adams, Marketing Department
aadams@usef.org, Tel: (859) 225-6944, Fax: (859) 231-6662

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Name of Affiliate/Committee: __________________________________________________________

USEF ID Number: __________________________

Affiliate ID Number: __________________________

Nominee’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Phone Number: __________________________

Nominee’s Email Address: __________________________

Nominee’s City/State: __________________________________________________________

Breed/Discipline: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Equestrian of Honor Award: ____________________________________________

Nominee’s Notable Accomplishments for CURRENT YEAR ONLY (prior years will be disregarded):
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Nominee’s NOTABLE Career Accomplishments Prior to 2021:

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Executive Director or President of affiliate submitting the nomination:

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Signature: ________________________________________________________________________________
Date: ____________________________________________________________________________________
Daytime Phone Number: (____________) _____________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________________________

* Also please include any additional criteria used to determine your Affiliation’s nominee.