



Buttons N' Bows Sportsmanship Award

The Buttons N' Bows Sportsmanship Trophy is awarded to the junior rider who best personifies the high standards and virtues of integrity, sportsmanship, honor, courage, good temper, and unselfishness. Donated by Mr. R. Bates Newton of Versailles, KY in memory of Maxine Best, teacher, judge, and longtime friend of Pony Finals.

Do you know someone who has shown a great attitude? Do you know pony kids who help their friends and barn mates during the year? Do you know the rider that deserves to win the Buttons N' Bows Sportsmanship Award? Write to us and let us know why you think this rider is deserving of this award! Preference will be given to the content of the information provided in the nomination rather than the number of nominations received for a particular rider. Riders must be participating in the 2025 USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall + Sterling to be eligible to receive this award.

Nominations must be received no later than the completion of classes on Friday, August 1st, 2025.

Send your nominations as well as contact information for a parent or trainer via email to:
ponyfinals@usef.org

This award will be presented on Saturday, August 9th. The winner will be notified no later than Friday, August 8th. A follow-up email will also be sent to any individuals who submitted nominations for riders not selected as the winner. The individual must be present at the 2025 USEF Pony Finals® presented by Marshall + Sterling to be eligible to receive this award.