



The Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders' Cup

(Inaugural Year 1998)

In memory of American Saddlebred owner and breeder Ellen Scripps Davis, who died in 1998, USA Equestrian officers instituted a new award, called the Breeder's Cup.

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. 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 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 will begin to be accepted in August with a deadline for nominations of October 16, 2024. Nominations with short bios are forwarded to the USEF standing Awards Committee. Bios should include:

- Number of years breeding horses
- Champions 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:

2018	Allyn McCracken
2019	Cedar Ridge Farm Barbara Ellison
2020	Rolling Woods Farm / Dr. Ruth Wilburn Oak Hill Ranch / Richard Freeman
2021	Sporting Chance Farm
2022	Eleanor Hamilton Maryanna Haymon
2023	Dragonsmeade Farm