



Equestrians of the Year
&
Annual Equestrians of Honor Awards

Criteria: Awarded to the National and International horsemen or horsewomen who have excelled above all others in equestrian competition for 2024 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.

Nominations will need to include:

- Athlete's 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 records.
- 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 Sports 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 1 and must include the 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 Jera Jordan at jjordan@usef.org with any questions regarding late nominations. **

USEF staff will verify nominees meet the criteria provided. 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 a 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 Tuesday, December 31st.

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". 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: The "Equestrian of the Year" will be announced to the public during the USEF Annual Meeting Pegasus Awards Dinner.

Perpetual Trophy: "Robert P. Strub Trophy" which features a coin silver two-handled cup depicting a war scene

Equestrians of the Year Past Winners:

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| 2018 | Laura Graves |
| 2019 | Beezie Madden & Nick Haness |
| 2020 | Kent Farrington & Tracey Fenney |
| 2021 | Laura Kraut & Hunt Tosh |
| 2022 | Adrienne Lyle & Hunt Tosh |

| Equestrian of Honor Awards | | | | | | | | |
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| | Olympic | FEI, Non-Olympic | Non-FEI Breeds & Disciplines | | | | | |
| Trophy for | William C. Steinkraus Trophy | Becky Grand Hart Trophy | Bill Robinson Trophy | Emerson Burr Trophy | C. J. "June" Cronan, Jr. Trophy | Barbara Worth Oakford Trophy | Norman K. Dunn Trophy | Vaughn Smith Trophy |
| An individual rider, driver, or handler of any horse or pony breed shown in... | International dressage, eventing, or jumping competitions. | International driving, endurance, reining, vaulting, or Para-equestrian competitions. | Harness or driving performance in non-international competitions | Hunter classes (<i>Overfences</i>) | An under saddle in non-hunter, non-show hack, and/or non-Western Disciplines. | A non-reining Western-discipline | An in-hand or at-halter competition | Hunter Pleasure, Hunter on the Flat, Show Hack, Hunter Hack, Dressage Hack, Costume, Side Saddle, or Western Dressage |
| 2018 | McLain Ward & Laura Graves | Chester Weber | Eugene Sweeney | Victoria Colvin | Victoria Gillenwater | Jody Strand | Bruce Griffin III | Wendy Potts |
| 2019 | Beezie Madden & Boyd Martin | Cade McCutcheon | Chris Bickford | Nick Haness | Mike Goebig | Stanley White | Kim Morgan | Liz Bentley |
| 2020 | Kent Farrington | | Margy Cox | Tracy Fenney | Joel Gangi | Colby Powell | Sandro Pinha | Jonathan Ramsay |
| 2021 | Laura Kraut Sabine Schuttkery | Roxanne Trunnell | Peter Stachowski | Hunt Tosh | Alexandra DeGray | Susan Morey | Jeff Schall | Martha Rattner |
| 2022 | Will Coleman & Adrienne Lyle | Kate Shoemaker | Jim B. Robertson | Hunt Tosh | Matt Siemon | James Hitt | Janae Griffin | Wendy Potts |
| 2023 | Tamra Smith & McLain Ward | Tracy Bowman & Cynthia Screnci | Shannon Price-Heald | John French | Shanna Gish | Colby Powell | Tim Roesink | Duane Esser |