



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

**USDF**

## **USEF Youth Sportsman's Award USDF Nominee Guidelines**

### Program Goals

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

### USDF Nomination Requirements

- Must have an active USDF Participating Membership in good standing.
- Must have an active competing USEF Membership in good standing.
- Age of eligibility—17 or under as of December 1 – the start of the current competition year.
- Demonstrates an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of equestrian sport.
- Serves as a positive role model for peers.
- Participates at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events.
- Exhibits characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.
- Community involvement.

### Application Procedure

The application process opens in May. An application is not considered complete and cannot be accepted without all required documents. Refer to official Nominee Application form for complete description of required supporting documents.

The nominee's completed application for consideration, including official school transcript, letters of recommendation, resume, and photo are to be emailed to [youth@usdf.org](mailto:youth@usdf.org) or mailed to:

United States Dressage Federation  
ATTN: Youth Programs Liaison  
4051 Iron Works Parkway  
Lexington, KY 40511

The nominees completed application and supporting documents must be **received by USDF on or before September 5th.**

### Awards

The National Winner selected to represent USDF will receive:

- A complimentary one-year USDF Youth Participating Membership

The Overall Winner of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will receive:

- Youth Sportsman's Award commemorative trophy.
- A \$1,000 grant, to be paid to an educational program (refer to funding criteria on the USEF website).
- A USDF 5-year Participating Membership if the USDF Nominee is selected
- A nomination for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year Award.

The Overall Reserve Winner of the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will receive:

- A \$500 grant, to be paid to an educational program (refer to funding criteria on the USEF website).