



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year

The USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding youth volunteer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment "...to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage." – USDF mission statement.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be a current USDF Participating Member (PM) or USDF Group Member (GM), 21 years of age or younger.
- Current members of the USDF staff are not eligible.
- Nominee must have volunteered a minimum of 25 hours during the current membership year on any dressage related events including, but not limited to:
 - Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships, Great American Insurance Group USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals, Adequan/USDF National Symposiums, Adequan/USDF Annual Conventions, USDF Adult Clinics, USDF Adult Team Competitions, USDF Youth Regional Team Championships, USDF Jr/YR Rider Clinics, USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Programs, USDF L Education Programs, USDF Instructor Certification Programs, Succeed FEI-Level Trainers Conferences, and any GMO sponsored educational activities.

Nomination Process:

- Nominations can be made by any current USDF GM or PM.
- Person nominating will be required to complete a questionnaire about the individual being nominated regarding their volunteer efforts at the national, regional, and local level.
- Nomination forms will be available on the USDF website.
- Deadline for receipt of nominations by the USDF office is August 31st.
- The winner will be notified by October 1st.
- The winner will be recognized at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention.

Selection:

- Winner will be selected by the USDF Youth Programs Committee.

Award:

- The recipient will be presented with a perpetual trophy at the Adequan/USDF Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, and will receive a "keeper" trophy and a \$100 gift card to the USDF store.
- The recipient will also receive the following if he/she attends the convention in the year they receive the award:
 - Two complimentary tickets to the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet.
 - A travel grant of up to \$500 to cover travel expenses.
- In addition, there will be a press release, and the winner will be featured in the Yearbook issue of USDF *Connection*.

For more information, please contact the Youth Programs Liaison at: youth@usdf.org or (859) 971-2277



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USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

The USDF member nominating a Youth Volunteer of the Year candidate must complete the questionnaire below. The completed questionnaire and any supporting documents must be emailed to youth@usdf.org or mailed to:

USDF
Attn: Youth Programs Liaison
4051 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY, 40511

Nominating Member: _____ USDF #: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Candidate: _____ USDF #: _____ DOB: _____

Candidate Phone: _____ Candidate Email: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT DETAILED ANSWERS AND USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY.

1. What makes this nominee an extraordinary Volunteer?

2. What dressage related project(s) has this nominee volunteered for that has involved over 25 hours of dedication during the current membership year? Describe in detail.

3. Why do you feel your nominee has made a unique contribution "...to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage"?

4. Provide a detailed profile of the nominee's volunteer activities.

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Applications are due in the USDF office no later than **August 31**.