



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF Dressage Spirit Award Nomination Form

The USDF Youth Programs Committee is pleased to offer the USDF Dressage Spirit Award to acknowledge USDF youth members who have made significant contributions to their local equestrian communities and who promote the sport of dressage in a variety of ways.

Nomination Criteria

Recipients of this award will be selected by the USDF Youth Programs Committee.

Youth members must fit the following criteria in order to be eligible to receive this award:

- The youth member must be age 21 or younger.
- The youth member must be a USDF Participating Member, GMO Member, and/or Education Member.

Youth members may be nominated for this award in one of two ways:

- A Group Member Organization (GMO) may nominate a youth member. If the youth member is selected to receive this award, the nominating GMO will then be recognized alongside the youth member on our USDF website.
- Any person (other than the nominee's parent) may nominate a youth for this award by completing the attached form and returning it to the USDF Youth Programs Liaison. The nominator does not need to be a USDF member.

EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY

Suzie, a 16-year-old dressage enthusiast, worked with her local GMO to start a local dressage youth club for kids in her area. She put in countless hours to create this program to offer the local youth educational opportunities including clinics, classroom sessions, farrier demonstrations, etc. She helped organize multiple fundraisers to be able to offer these incentives at a lower cost to the youth, making it more accessible for them to attend.

Jessica, a 21-year-old dressage competitor, attends a college university that offers competitive opportunities in multiple disciplines, but not one for dressage riders. She put together a survey and sent it around her university and, based on the overwhelming response, she discovered a need to add a dressage discipline. She took it upon herself to work with her school to start their own IDA team.

Theresa, a 13-year-old rider, volunteers at her local dressage shows. She volunteers at every show, rain or shine. Even when her local shows were cancelled due to a national pandemic, that did not stop Theresa's volunteer spirit. She contacted the show secretary and volunteered to help with getting the word out about the cancellations and updating the information on social media. She wanted to make sure everyone in her dressage community was kept informed and up to date about the events.

USDF DRESSAGE SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION

PLEASE SEE THE NOMINATION CRITERIA ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE TO BE SURE THE NOMINEE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.

Name of Nominee: _____
Nominee's Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Age: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
<i>*If nominee is a minor (under 18 years of age), please provide parent or guardian contact information*</i>
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please provide details of the nominee's efforts and positive contributions they have made in their dressage community. Include as much information as possible discerning why this individual is deserving of this award. Attach additional sheets as needed. Please attach photos if available.

Nominating Person Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please send completed form to:
USDF
Attn: Youth Programs Liaison
4051 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511

Forms can also be faxed to: (859) 971-7722 or scanned/emailed to youth@usdf.org

By checking this box, please consider this nomination for both the USDF Shining Star Award and the USDF Dressage Spirit Award.

