The USEF Lifetime Achievement Award

**Criteria:** Awarded to the horseman or woman whose “lifetime experience and accomplishments exemplify uncommon devotion to the sport of competition with horses and whose equestrian career and horsemanship have continually elevated the sport’s excellence.” With a special emphasis on length of service and a broad industry impact.

**Selection of Winner:** Nominations come from the USEF general membership, via solicitations on the USEF website and in USEF e-communications. If response to this is poor, the Executive Committee is also asked to submit nominations. The National Officers selects the winner from the pool of nominees.

**Award:** Given at the USEF Pegasus Dinner during the annual meeting.

**Timeline:** Solicitation begins in July, however, nominations will be accepted year long. The deadline for submittal is **October 7th**. The National Officers may also be asked for nominations. The names of non-winners from previous years may be resubmitted each year. The Ad Hoc Awards Committee will review nominees at the beginning of October to verify eligibility and move nominees to the Pegasus Medal of Honor nominee list if warranted. A list of nominees with short biographies is sent to all of the National Officers so that they can vote during a November conference call.

**Perpetual Trophy:** sterling Tiffany life-size cowboy hat and plaque

**Past Winners:**

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Pegasus Medal of Honor

Criteria: Created as an annual award to recognize individuals who have exhibited outstanding service to horses and the sport through their dedication. These individuals have excelled in attracting people to the sport and contributing to horse sport by advancing its popularity.

Selection of Winner and Timeline: Nominees are received throughout the year on and ad lib basis, nominations are due October 7th. In October, the Ad Hoc Awards Committee will review Lifetime Achievement nominations and pull nominees that they feel are more suited to receive the Medal of Honor. A list of all the nominees with bios, both direct and from the Lifetime Achievement nominations are forwarded to the National Officers in October for selection. The winners are then notified by letter.

Award: Gold Pegasus Medal given at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the annual meeting.

Past Winners:

1999
Major Robert Borg
Don Dodge
Larry Lansburgh
Adolph Mogavero

2000
Allen Ross
Col. John W. Russell
Morton W. "Cappy" Smith

2001
Gene Lewis
Malcolm Rossoll
Walter Straus
Anna Ela
Marie LaFrenz
Colonel James V. Marsh
Joan Higginson Dunning

2002
Charles R. Crabtree
Harry De Leyer
Emily North Hutchison

2003
Ellie Wood Baxter
Bobbie Gibbon
Elizabeth Searle
Sug Utz
Isabel Robson

2004
Kathy Kusner
Edna Griswold Lytle
Margaret Price
Alvin Topping

2005
Claire Boyce
Betty Reynolds Oare
Jack Pemberton
Deirdre Pirie

2006
Gary Baker
Jean McLean Davis
Donna Moore

2007
C. Marvin Harwood Sr.
Marjorie R. Harwood
Holly Pulsifer
Marcia Lee Williams

2008
Cecile K. Hetzle Dunn
Linda Allen
Charles “Champ” Hough

2009
Rodney Jenkins
Duane Esser
Marianne Ludwig

2010
Judy Harris
Rebecca Broussard
Jane Ebelhare

2011
Nancy Nathanson
Marvin McCabe
Raymond Francis

2012
Linda Zang

2013
Linda Bibbler
Larry Langer
Dr. Armand Leone, Jr.
2014  Francine Dismukes
      David Distler
      Mary Woolverton
2015  Bill Moroney
      Ron Rhodes
      Howard Simpson
The Perpetual Sportsmanship Award
In Memory of Walter Bourchier Devereux, III

Criteria: Awarded to the horseman or horsewoman who personifies the ideals of the current sportsman’s charter through commitment and dedication to the sport.

Selection of Winner: Nominations are submitted by Affiliated National Association Presidents and Executive Directors. The nominees with biographical information are returned to the National Officers for decision.

Award: Presented at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the annual meeting.

Timeline: Nominations will be accepted beginning in September. Affiliated Association Presidents and Executive Directors are solicited for nominations with an October 7th deadline for submitting. Once all nominations are in, the nominees are forwarded to the National Officers. The winner is notified of the results and invited to the Pegasus Dinner.

Perpetual Trophy: sterling tray and two-handled cup with cover

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**Richard E. McDevitt Award of Merit**

*This award is named for Richard E. McDevitt, President of AHSA from 1975 to 1987. In 1992, he received the Award of Merit, and was its only recipient until 2003.*

**Criteria:** Awarded posthumously for meritorious service to equestrian sport.

**Selection of Winner:** Awarded to an individual who passed away in that competition year. To be awarded at the discretion of the USEF National Officers. Recipient of the following awards are ineligible for the Award of Merit:
- Jimmy A. Williams Lifetime Achievement Award
- Pegasus Medal of Honor

**Award:** Recognition to family and friends awarded at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the annual meeting.

**Timeline:** Nominations will be accepted starting September with Affiliated Association Presidents and Executive Directors submitting nominations by an October 7th deadline. The Awards department will also review past issues of *equestrian* for any additional nominees who fit the criteria. The nominees are forwarded to the National Officers for a November conference call. The family and friends of the winner are notified of the results and invited to the Pegasus Dinner.

**Perpetual Trophy:** sterling silver revere bowl

**Past Winners:**

2003  Victor Hugo-Vidal & Mrs. F. D. Sinclair  
2004  Stephen Hawkins & Dr. Eugene LaCroix  
2005  Greg Garrison & Carol J. Plough  
2006  Joseph O’Dea & Joseph Stopher  
2007  Frank Lloyd, Jay Stream, and Betty Weldon  
2008  Daniel Lenehan & Edward Barham  
2009  Sally Swift & Glyndle Tabor  
2010  William Munford  Walter Staley Jr  Charles Weaver  
2011  Johann Senn  Cornelia Serpell  Art Gaytan  
2012  Patsy Albers  Elizabeth Busch Burke  
2013  Marjorie Fergusson  Howard Lewis  Fred Nava  
2014  Fern Bittner  Bruce Duchossois  Bazy Tankersley  
2015  Gary Baker
Veronica Holt
Lloyd Landkamer
Harry Sebring
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 who consistently breeds outstanding performance and show horses. The award honors the role that good breeding plays in the development and improvement of 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.

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 September with a deadline for nominations of October 28th. Nominations with short bios are forwarded to the USEF Ad Hoc Awards Committee.

Perpetual Trophy: sterling silver two-handled cup; horse handle on cover

Past Winners:
1998 Bazy Tankersley, Arabian  
Anna Ela, Morgan  
Betty Weldon, Saddlebred  
Mrs. W.O. "Ginny" Moss, Thoroughbred and Hunter  
Joan Higginson Dunning, Pony  
1999 Mrs. Thomas Waller, Jumper  
2000 Mrs. F. D. (Katherine) Sinclair, Saddlebred  
2001 Jane MacElreee, Warmblood  
Ms. Sheila Varian, Arabian  
2002 Judy Werner, Saddlebred  
2003 Don & Judith Forbis, Arabian  
2004 Diana Dodge, Hunter breeder; and Herb Kohler, Morgan  
2005 Mary Alice Malone, Hunter/Jumper and Dressage  
2006 Stonecroft Farm (John Sheidt and Don Spear), Saddlebred and Morgan  
2007 Heartland Hackney Ponies (Darrell and Sandy Kolkman)  
2008 Reendanland (Dr. and Mrs. Alan R. Raun) Saddlebred  
2009 Blythewood Farm (Mrs. David H. Neil) Saddlebred  
2010 Roxanne Hart (Rohara Arabians)  
2011 Joan Hamilton  
2012 Tim & Marty Shea and Maroon Fire Arabians
Jean McLean Davis
2013  Joan Lurie (Willowbank Farm)
2014  Tish Quirk
2015  Carl T. Fischer Jr
       Lorick Stables
Junior Equestrian of the Year
Ruth O'Keefe Meredith Memorial Trophy

Ms. O'Keefe was a valued member of the Federation and a nationally recognized figure in the horse showing world. She was awarded the Walter B. Devereux Memorial trophy, the Federation's prestigious award. In April of 1985 the Board of Directors of the Federation established the Ruth O'Keefe Meredith Memorial Trophy for the Junior Equestrian of the Year.

Criteria: Awarded to a junior member of the Federation in good standing who:
- Has competed at one or more USEF-recognized competitions during the last year;
- Personifies the virtues of honor, courage, patience, good temper, unselfishness, and sincerity;
- Exhibits the qualities of good sportsmanship and integrity;
- Exemplifies exceptional talent and dedication to the sport; and
- shows compassion for horses and horse welfare

Selection of Winner: The Ad Hoc Awards Committee is presented with the list of nominees and biographical information provided by the nominee (a resume listing equestrian and academic accomplishments) and a short letter or essay (topic to be chosen by the Awards Committee). The committee will narrow down the list of nominees to 3-4 and will interview those individuals.

Award: trophy given at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the annual meeting.

Timeline: Mailings will be sent to National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Committees containing informational packets and nomination forms. Nominations will be accepted starting in September with a deadline for submitting of October 28th. After this, all the nominees will be contacted and asked for their resumes and the deadline for submittal will be set. Once received, the resumes are then sent to each of the Ad Hoc Awards Committee members and a conference call will be set up to discuss and choose the nominees to be interviewed. In the beginning of December, the nominees may be interviewed by the panel and the winner chosen immediately following. At this time an official notice will be sent to the winner.

Perpetual Trophy: silver plated platter

Past Winners:

1986 Neil Ashe 1995 Kathy Walsh
1987 Wendy Chapot 1996 Hillary Schulusemeyer
1988 Molly Ashe 1997 Lindsey Phibbs
1989 Laure Chapot 1998 Jill Prieto
1990 Ray Texel 1999 Emily Williams
1991 Lisa Lewallen 2000 Sarah Willemam
1993 Shannon Beethe 2002 Hillary Hoffman
1994 Suzanne Loadholt 2003 Betty Cox
2004  Meagan Drew
2005  Teal Dowling
2006  Brianne Goutal & William Harris
2007  Kristen Kimbler
2008  Jessica Moctezuma
2009  Maxance McManamy
2010  Kelsey Kimbler
2011  Jacob Arnold
2012  Hunter Chancellor
2013  Lillie Keenan
2014  Sydney Collier
2015  Cameron Kay
The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award

The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award, presented by the United States Equestrian Federation, is a celebration of the humanitarian achievements made by a member of the equestrian world.

Criteria: Specifically, the goal of this humanitarian honor is to spotlight and exalt the selfless dedication one individual or a group of individuals has made, whether on a regional or national scale. From improving the health and welfare of the horse to promoting and expanding the general public’s appreciation and respect of the diverse role of horses, the recipient of this award will be an individual or group of individuals who have devoted considerable personal time to make the lives and quality of life of our equine partners paramount.

The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award is limited to individuals or a group of individuals. Corporations, organizations, affiliate groups and businesses are not eligible. However, this may be amended in exceptional circumstances based on a case-by-case basis.

Posthumous nominees will not be accepted.

Those individuals who are professionally employed in a full-time manner by a company or entity whose sole purpose is to work for the aforementioned qualities and philanthropic ends may be considered as an acceptable nominee if their contributions have been widely viewed as exception beyond their required work performance or if their achievements and dedication is noted as being far beyond the call of duty.

Selection of the Winner: The nomination process for the EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award will begin in September and close with an October 30th deadline. Nominations may be received by U.S. mail, overnight carrier and via the United States Equestrian Federation website – www.usef.org. A committee composed of members of The EQUUS Foundation and members of the United States Equestrian Federation will serve as the jury in determining the outcome of the presentation of the award.

Nomination Process: Any member of the equestrian community may make a nomination for an individual to be considered for the EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award. A nomination form will be made available to any such person or group making a nomination and a definitive amount of information must be provided – in detail – in order for the nominee to be accepted. This information will include the following:

- An explanatory, written statement as to why the individual is worthy of the award;
- Biographical information of the nominee;
  - Including the nominees name, email address, and phone number
- Specific examples of their philanthropic work, including their involvement (time spent, duration of work, type of work, etc.);
- Supportive materials such as written testimonials or letters from those who have been affected by the nominees contributions
  - Please limit testimonials and letters to three per nominee
- Any additional materials deemed worthy by the nominator.

Presentation of the Award: The winner of The EQUUS Foundation Award will be notified upon voting. The winner of The EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award will be announced to the public and recognized during the Pegasus Awards Dinner. A feature article will appear in an issue of equestrian magazine to announce the winner and share the winner’s story.
Additionally, a series of press releases and e-communications will be implemented to supply the general media with the news and information. A photo opportunity will be arranged in order to get the winner’s image in the media, as well.

**Past Winners**

- 2009  Nancy Koch
- 2010  Bob Cacchione
- 2011  Molly Sweeney
- 2012  Dr. Mark Fitch D.V.M.
- 2013  Margo Dewkett
- 2014  American Saddlebred Horse Association Equine Welfare Committee
- 2015  Anna Ford
The USEF Horses of the Year Award

Criteria: Awarded to the two horses that have excelled above all others in equestrian competition for the current year.

- Each USEF Recognized National or FEI Affiliate nominates one horse or pony per their representative breeds or disciplines.
- The nominated horse or pony must be at least 3 years old.
- The nominee must have won a national championship at a Federation licensed competition held within the US, an FEI rated four-star competition (or an FEI rated three-star competition for dressage), or medaled in an FEI continental, regional, or world championship in its respective discipline. (The only exceptions are Welsh Ponies, Connemara Ponies, and Hunters for which the Affiliate will set forth the criteria for their nomination.)
- Must have competed in a USEF licensed or FEI competition in 2016.

Selection of Winner and Timeline: The Awards Desk will send requests to National Breed/Discipline Affiliates requesting nominations. Nominations will include the following:

- Owner’s Name and Contact Information
- Age, Breed, Sire, Dam, Trainer
- Short biography
- Highlights of past accomplishments
- Current year’s competition accomplishments
- Picture

Nominations will be accepted starting in September and will close November 7th. Biographical accomplishments can be forwarded until November 14th. USEF staff will verify information provided on the nomination form. After each affiliate submits its nominee, the USEF Awards Committee, comprised of individuals representing virtually every recognized affiliate, will then analyze each nominee’s 2016 accomplishments and overall career credentials and vote for up to six horses or ponies. These horses will then be presented to the public and submitted for popular vote via the Federation website and email promotions. At the end of the voting period the horse competing in FEI sanctioned disciplines as well as the horse competing and showing within the National breeds and disciplines with the highest number of votes will become the USEF’s Horses of the Year.

Award: The Horses of the Year will be announced to the public during the National Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

Perpetual Trophy: Alexa King bronze
Past Winners and Finalist (the winners are in bold)

2005
Authentic - Show Jumper
**Brentina - Dressage**
Cefnoakpark Bouncer - Driving, Welsh
WR Sonaskada+/ - Arabian
Winsome Adante - Eventing

2006
**Authentic - Show Jumper**
CH Callaway’s Copyright - Saddlebred
Floriano – Dressage
Mister Nicadual - Reining
Selwood Park Deneuve - Half Andalusian

2007
Aequus+/ - Arabian
Esteban – Friesian
Free Willy – Hackney
Sapphire – Show Jumper
**Theodore O’Connor – Eventing**

2008
Adams Fire- Half-Arabian
Dante FQ- Friesian
Flexible- Show Jumper
**Jamaica- Combined Driving**
Tiziano- Hunter

2009
Courage to Lead
**CH Our Charming Lady**
Kripton Seni II
**Ravel**
Sapphire

2010
Afires Heir
**Gunners Special Nite**
Heza Jackrabbit
Lone Star
2011
**Sjoerd**
Coral Reef Via Volo
Starr Light
**Neville Bardos**
(CH) The Daily Lottery
Weltino’s Magic

2012
**Jersey Boy**
(CH) Courageous Lord
Germ (Harem)
**Flexible**
Manoir de Carneville
Richter Scale

2013
A Ruf Gal
Sam
**Simon**
Bizkit
**Brunello**
(CH) Callaway’s Annabel Allison

2014
**Cortes ‘C’**
Spooks Gotta Whiz
Uminco
**Elis GV**
Nutcracker Sweet PF
Macadamia

2015
**Brunello**
Dash Rip Rock
Glynhafan Hermione
**PVF Peace of Mind**
Rothchild
Verdades
Equestrian of the Year
&
Annual Equestrians of Honor Awards

Criteria: Awarded to the horseman or horsewoman who has excelled above all others in equestrian competition for the current year, while demonstrating superior sportsmanship and dedication to the principles, vision, and mission of the United States Equestrian Federation. There is no age limitation for Equestrian of the Year.

Selection of Winner and Timeline: In August, 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. Nomination will be accepted starting in August. Nominees will be contacted to be notified of nomination and will be asked to provide:

- Name and Contact Information
- Highlights of the current year’s competition accomplishments
- A brief bio to include personal information, examples of volunteer work, and a brief synopsis of past show record.
- To be no more than 1 page in length

Multiple nominations may be made throughout the competition year by the National Affiliates, the USEF Breed/Discipline committees, and the USEF Sport Programs and Communications staff. **Nominations close November 7**th USEF staff will verify information provided on the nomination form. **Nominations will then be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Awards committee.** The committee will meet to select the Equestrians of Honor. The nominee will be responsible for forwarding any accomplishments from the date of the nomination deadline to November 14th.

All sub-category semi-finalists are notified of their selection, by letter, of their categorical wins and invited to accept their awards in person during the Pegasus Dinner at the Federation Annual Meeting. The 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 secret ballot by the general public.

Voters will rank the semi-finalists 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Duplicate or incorrect ballots are void. Voting closes December 30th. Votes tabulate as follows:

- 1st = 5 points
- 2nd = 3 points
- 3rd = 1 point

The candidate with the most points will be Equestrian of the Year. In case of a tie, the candidate with the most 1st places in the bloc ranking wins, then the most 2nd places, then the most 3rd places until the winner is determined.
Award: All subcategory semifinalists (Equestrians of Honor) will be given their awards at the Pegasus Awards Dinner during the annual meeting. The Equestrian of the Year will be announced to the public during the Pegasus Awards Dinner.

Perpetual Trophy: coin silver two-handed cup depicting war scene

Past Winners:

1990 Becky Hart
1991 Margie Goldstein Engle
1992 Carol Lavell
1993 Hap Hansen
1994 Tom Moore
1995 Anne Kursinski
1996 A. Michele MacFarlane
1997 Elisabeth Goth
1998 Valerie J. Kanavy
1999 Debbie McDonald
2000 David J. O’Connor
2001 Todd Minikus
2002 David J. O’Connor
2003 Chris Kappler
2004 Kim Severson
2005 Beezie Madden
2006 Beezie Madden
2007 Karen O’Connor
2008 Steffen Peters
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2010 Tom McCutcheon
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2012 Rich Fellers
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