

**Equestrians of the Year**  
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Annual Equestrians of Honor Awards

**Criteria:** Awarded to the **National and International** horseman or horsewoman who have 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. **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**. 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** notable competition accomplishments
- A brief bio to include personal information, examples of volunteer work, and a brief synopsis of past show record.
- 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 Sport 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 on a date selected by USEF and must include 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 Alice Adams [aadams@usef.org](mailto:aadams@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 secret ballot by the general membership.

Voters will rank the National and International semifinalists in order of preference. Duplicate or incorrect ballots are void. Votes tabulate as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> = 5 points

2<sup>nd</sup> = 3 points

3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point

The National candidate with the most points will be the National Equestrian of the Year and 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 1<sup>st</sup> places in the block ranking wins, then the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places, then the most 3<sup>rd</sup> places until the winner is determined.

**Award:** All Equestrians of Honor will be mailed their awards. The Equestrian of the Year will be announced to the public during the virtual awards presentation.

**Perpetual Trophy:** coin silver two-handled 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  
2009 Steffen Peters

2010 Tom McCutcheon  
2011 Steffen Peters  
2012 Rich Fellers  
2013 Beezie Madden  
2014 Beezie Madden  
2015 Elisabeth Goth  
2016 Phillip Dutton & Laura Graves  
2017 McLain Ward & Laura Graves  
2018 Laura Graves  
2019 Beezie Madden & Nick Haness  
2020 Kent Farrington & Tracy Fenney  
2021 Laura Kraut & Hunt Tosh



Equestrians of Honor Awards								
	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
<b>An individual rider, driver or handler of ...</b>	Any horse or pony breed shown in international dressage, eventing or jumping competitions.	Any horse or pony breed shown in international driving, endurance, reining, vaulting, or Para-equestrian competitions.	Any horse or pony breed that is shown in harness or for driving performance in non-international competitions.	Any horse or pony breed shown in hunter classes. <i>(Over Fences)</i>	Any horse or pony breed shown under saddle in non-hunter, non-show hack and/or non-Western Disciplines.	Any horse or pony breed shown in a non-reining Western discipline	Any horse or pony breed shown in-hand or at halter	Any horse or pony breed shown in Hunter Pleasure, Hunter on the Flat, Show Hack, Hunter Hack, Dressage Hack, Costume, Side Saddle, or Western Dressage
<b>2001</b>	Todd Minikus	Bryant Pace	Darrel Kolkman	Daniel Robertshaw	Dena Lopez	Bill Porcher	NA	
<b>2002</b>	David O'Connor & Peter Wylde	Fred Merriam	Mary Gaylord McClean	Peter Pletcher	Robin Ratliffe	Eitan Beth-Halachamy	Kenneth Wheeler	
<b>2003</b>	Chris Kappler	Cia Reis	Richard Ames	Scott Stewart	Joel Keisner	Bob Hart, Jr.	Oliver Brown	
<b>2004</b>	Kim Severson	Lynn Seidemann	Gerry Rushton	Stephanie Desiderio	Rob Byers	Gordon Potts	Gareth Selwood	
<b>2005</b>	Beezie Madden	Devon Maitozo	Raymond Shively	Louise Serio	Mike Goebig	Garn Walker	Gregory Gallun	
<b>2006</b>	Beezie Madden	Megan Benjamin & Tim McQuay	Judith M. Whitney Harris	John French	Barbara Goodman Manilow	Rick Gault	Bruce Howard	
<b>2007</b>	Karen O'Connor	Miranda Cadwell	Georgia Blevins	Scott Stewart	Michele Macfarlane	Stanley White, Jr.	Andrew Sellman	
<b>2008</b>	Steffen Peters	Chester Weber	Harry Sebring	Scott Stewart	Jim Stachowski	Brett Becker	Joan Lurie	
<b>2009</b>	Steffen Peters	Suzy Stafford	Dr. Alan Raun	John French	Vicki Humphrey	Tommy Garland	Kenneth Wheeler	
<b>2010</b>	McLain Ward	Tom McCutcheon	Nadine Tilley	Hunt Tosh	Merrill Murray	Daryl Hopson	Michael Byatt	Lauren LaVine
<b>2011</b>	Steffen Peters	Chester Weber	Karen Waldron	Scott Stewart	Debbie Foley	Janice Giles	Steven Stiller	Danielle Barrasso
<b>2012</b>	Rich Fellers	Jonathan Wentz	Gilbert "Gib" Marcucci	Jennifer Alfano	Matthew Siemon	Joe Reser	Bruce Griffin	Wendy Griffith Potts
<b>2013</b>	Beezie Madden	Chester Weber	Chris & Sonya Bickford	Liza Boyd	Jimmy Stachowski	Rick Gervasio	Bruce Griffin	Martha Rattner
<b>2014</b>	Beezie Madden	Diane Kastama	Gareth Selwood	Liza Boyd	Mary Gaylord Mclean Jacques Van Niekerk	Bruce Griffin	Howard Peet	Larry Hoffman

<b>2015</b>	Laura Grave & McLain Ward	Cheryl Van Deusen	Misdee Wrigley Miller	Liza Boyd	Elisabeth Goth	Michael Damianos	Martha Rattner	Bill Deeney
<b>2016</b>	Phillip Dutton & Laura Graves	Stefanie Putnam	Gail Aumiller	Hunt Tosh	Joel Kiesner	Lou Roper	Ted Carson	Cynthia Burkman
<b>2017</b>	McLain Ward & Laura Graves		Gareth Selwood	Jenny Karazissis	Nancy Leigh Fisher	Josh Quintus	Andrew Sellman	Dale Pitcock
<b>2018</b>	McLain Ward & Laura Graves	Chester Weber	Eugene Sweeney	Victoria Colvin	Victoria Gillenwater	Jody Strand	Bruce Griffin III	Wendy Potts
<b>2019</b>	Beezie Madden & Boyd Martin	Cade McCutcheon	Chris Bickford	Nick Hanes	Mike Goebig	Stanley White	Kim Morgan	Liz Bentley
<b>2020</b>	Kent Farrington	N/A	Margy Cox	Tracy Fenney	Joel Gangi	Colby Powell	Sandro Pinha	Jonathan Ramsay



## 2021 USEF Equestrian of the Year Nomination

*Please submit this form by the deadline, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to:*

Alice Adams, Marketing Department

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### Criteria for nomination:

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**Name of Affiliate/Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**USEF ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliate ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed/Discipline:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Equestrian of Honor Award:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Notable Accomplishments for CURRENT YEAR ONLY (prior years will be disregarded):**

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**Nominee's NOTABLE Career Accomplishments Prior to 2021:**

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**Executive Director or President of affiliate submitting the nomination:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Also please include any additional criteria used to determine your Affiliation's nominee.