



# EASTERN NEW YORK DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

## Year End Award Program

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Welcome to the Year End Award Program (YEAP) of the Eastern New York Dressage and Combined Training Association (ENYDCTA). The following is the criteria for nomination, for all awards, effective January 6, 2004, revised 11/2008. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the YEAP chairperson.

To compete in the Year-End Awards Program (YEAP):

- **Nominees must be members in good standing at the time of nomination and at the time of the competition for which the score being submitted was obtained.**
- **All horses must be registered with ENYDCTA at the time the scores are earned in order for the scores to qualify.** The horse registration form is included on the annual ENYDCTA membership form and on the YEAP nomination form. The cost is \$5/horse being registered and is a one-time fee for the lifetime of the horse for same owner. Horse registration is non-transferable with change of ownership. **Horse owner does not need to be an ENYDCTA member, but rider nominating for YEAP does.**
- Eligible scores are those earned from the day after the previous year's closing date to the current year's closing date, as established by the YEAP committee. The only exception to this is rider achievement awards.
- **Nominees must indicate which award(s) they are competing for and are required to re-nominate each competitive year. They must also indicate riding level.**

**Information listed in the *Piaffe Flyer* in regards to personal nominations is not a confirmation of eligibility for a specified award. It is only an indication of what has been submitted by the nominee for consideration. Further review by the YEAP committee may result in ineligibility. It is the responsibility of the nominee to read and adhere to the guidelines set forth below. This includes completing the nomination form in its entirety, especially in regards to riding level. Any questions regarding eligibility should be submitted to either chair person listed above.**

Nominees please note - winning a Champion award is limited to 2-consecutive years at the same level with the same horse. After winning 2-consecutive championships, the horse/rider combination is ineligible to nominate at that level for one year. Horse/rider combinations that have never won a Championship may compete for awards in any category. Riders who nominate must send a copy of each score to the YEAP chair. The copy must show the level, score, show name and judge's signature in order to be considered valid.



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## **US Equestrian Recognized Competition Awards**

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Scores for these awards must be from US Equestrian Federation *recognized shows*. Schooling show scores **will not** be considered for these awards and have their own separate category.

### **US Equestrian Recognized Dressage Awards**

#### **Training Level through Grand Prix High Point:**

Dressage awards are awarded to the highest scoring horse/rider combination.

- ***Nominating criteria:***
  - You may nominate at 2 levels at the same time with the same horse/rider combination. You may nominate at the same level with more than one horse, each being considered a separate horse/rider nomination. Places up to eighth will be awarded at each level, if criteria are met and nominations warrant. Additionally, levels may be split and/or combined Open/Adult Amateur/Junior based on number of nominations at the discretion of the YEAP committee.
  - The official rider/horse record from USDF is an approved and acceptable substitution for the actual test. Please highlight those test which you wish recorded.
- ***Placing determination:***
  - The year-end point average is calculated by averaging the 4 highest dressage scores submitted. Scores must be from at least 2 different shows with 2 different judges and 2 of the 4 scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level. For tests where there is more than one judge (i.e. Regional Championships) only the average score of all of the judges will be considered. The YEAP average is then weighted against other nominee's averages competing for the same award. Champion and Reserve are awarded for each level, and if nominations warrant, other places will be awarded within each category.
  - Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels, unless different under the award description. Only the top four will be averaged for each level and each category.
  - Please remember that dressage scores from Eventing tests can no longer be used towards dressage awards, as these tests are now different.

### **US Equestrian Recognized Eventing Awards**

#### **Beginner Novice through Advanced Low Point:**

All eventing awards recognize the lowest penalty point horse/rider combination.

- ***Nominating criteria:***
  - You may nominate at 2 levels at the same time with the same horse/rider combination. You may nominate at the same level with more than one horse, each being considered a separate horse/rider nomination.
  - In that many events do not place the final placing on the dressage test, nominees should submit a listing of shows attended for verification from the USEA Area 1 website, results section. If the event attended is outside Area 1, please include which Area the show is from.
- ***Placing determination:***



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- The three lowest penalty points will be averaged together to determine the point average for each nominee. Champion and reserve champion will be awarded, with additional placings up to eighth if nominations warrant. Riders may submit as many scores as they wish, but only the lowest three will be averaged.
- Awarded to the lowest scoring rider/horse combination. Currently this award is placed as an overall, but may be divided by level and/or junior/adult based on nominations in any given year at the discretion of the YEAP committee.

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## Dressage & Eventing Schooling Show Awards

- Rider must be an amateur as defined by US Equestrian guidelines.
- Riders can compete for this award at more than one level.
- Eligible levels for dressage are walk-trot through second level and for eventing 2-phase through training. All scores submitted must be from at least an "L" judge in order to qualify.
- For dressage, 4 scores must be submitted from 2 different dressage schooling shows from at least 2 different judges or 3 eventing schooling shows and do not have to be on the same horse. Scores must be submitted from at least 2 different judges and 2 different shows.
- For dressage, at walk/trot scores from both tests must be submitted. For training through second level, scores from at least 2 different tests of the level must be submitted. It is not required to ride the highest test of the level.
- For dressage, scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55%. Only the top four will be averaged. Please remember that dressage scores from eventing tests can no longer be used towards dressage awards as these tests are now different.
- For eventing schooling shows (either 2- or 3-Phase), the jumping scores must be submitted with the dressage test, either a print out of the final results from the show where the score was obtained or a contact name and number/email for the secretary of the show.
- Champion through eighth place will be awarded. Awards may be divided by level and/or junior/adult if nominations warrant, at the discretion of the YEAP committee.

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## Masters Awards

The only qualifications for either of these awards is that the rider must be 50 years of age or older and:

- **Masters Dressage High Point Champion:** The top 4 scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling shows. A single Championship is given to the highest scoring horse/rider combination nominated.
- **Masters Eventing Low Point Champion:** Championship is awarded to the lowest penalty point horse/rider combination nominated, with no restrictions as to level. The top 3 scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling events.



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## Rider Achievement Awards

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Rider achievement awards are given to the rider - these are personal achievement awards not competitive awards – and are presented for both dressage and eventing. To nominate:

- Scores received from multiple horses may be submitted, as long as each horse is registered with ENYDCTA at the time the score is earned.
- Scores from several different competitive years may be used, as long as the nominee was a member in good standing at the time the score was earned.
- All scores submitted must be from at least an "L" judge in order to qualify.
- The medallion can only be earned once per rider per level.
- You may apply for more than one level at any time and you may apply in both dressage and eventing. You cannot however, use eventing dressage scores toward the dressage achievement awards.

The following are the requirements for the different levels in each category:

### Dressage Achievement Awards

**White Medallion (Training Level):** Five scores of 63% or higher from at least three different shows and three different judges.

**Yellow Medallion (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Levels):** Five scores of 60% or higher in each level from at least three different shows and three different judges. Medallion can be earned at each level, but not combined.

**Red Medallion (4<sup>th</sup> Level):** Five scores of 58% or higher at this level from at least three different shows and three different judges.

**Blue Medallion (Prix St. Georges & Intermediare I):** Five scores of 55% or higher at each level from at least three different shows and three different judges.

**Gold Medallion (Intermediare II & Grand Prix):** Five scores of 55% or higher at each level from at least three different shows and three different judges.

### Eventing Achievement Awards

**Pink Medallion:** Completion of four different two-phase tests.

**White Medallion (Beginner Novice and Novice Level):** Completion of three horse trials at the beginner novice or novice level. Medallion can be earned at each level, but not combined.

**Yellow Medallion (Training Level):** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in three different training level horse trials.

**Red Medallion: (Preliminary Level):** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in three preliminary level horse trials, 2-day or 3-day competitions.

**Blue Medallion (Intermediate & Advanced Levels):** Placing 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in any three competitions at both levels. This includes horse trials, 2-day and 3-day competitions.



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## Memorial Trophies

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ENYDCTA's YEAP includes several memorial awards that have been established and awarded by individual sponsors. These awards are given in memory of horses that have made a great impact on their human partner's lives.

- ***The Sherry Mist Memorial Trophy*** was established in 1994 by Vicky Wunder-Boppert and her parents, Arnold and Gloria Wunder, in memory of Vicky's horse Sherry Mist. Sherry Mist was a 15.2 hand registered American Quarter Horse and an extremely willing, athletic, kind and intelligent horse, as evidenced by her impressive wins both locally and regionally. She was a very scopey and powerful jumper, which was something considering her size. She enjoyed her work and approached it with gusto. Vicky writes that "she never had a refusal and cross country was her forte." Sherry's life was unfortunately cut short at the age of 17. Vicky and her parents wanted to sponsor a trophy to honor her memory in a way that might further support the discipline in which she excelled.

This award is open to senior riders only (18 years of age or older) competing at the Novice level and:

- The horses must be unrated.
  - The horse and owner/rider combination must have completed three (3) USEA recognized Horse Trials at the Novice level.
  - All penalty points are averaged together to determine the winner. The award will be a cash award. A Champion and Reserve will be placed only if there are three or more qualifiers. In the event that there are fewer than three qualifiers, only a Champion will be awarded.
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- ***The Andipyr Memorial Trophy*** was established in 2005 by a friend of Barbara Sanford, in memory of Barb's horse Andipyr. Andipyr was the dream horse Barb had always hoped to find. Tragically, Andipyr's life was cut short by colic. This memorial is given to recognize other talented horses, no matter their age, who are beginning their dressage careers.

This is a dressage trophy with the qualifications being:

- The horse can only have competed at the Walk/Trot level with the nominee, no higher. Rider can be of any level (amateur or professional).
- Have received a minimum of four scores of 59% or greater from at least two different shows.
- The sponsor of the trophy will determine the trophy and/or prize to be given.