

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).

Please read the Guidelines and Criteria below carefully in order to make your application a smooth process!

Due Date is October 15th of current competing year

1. General Guidelines:

- a. **Membership:** Applicant must be a member in good standing at the time of the competition for which the score is being submitted was obtained and at the time of the application for YEA. Horse registration is no longer required as of 2021.
- b. **Competition year:** Dates for eligible scores are from October 1st of the previous year to September 30th of the current year. The only exception to this is rider achievement awards, which can be earned over time, throughout more than one competitive year.
- c. **Completed application must consists of the following & sent to the YEAP chair, incomplete nominations will be ineligible for awards after the due date of 10/15.**
 - i. Indicate which award(s) you are competing for.
 - ii. Indicate riding level and qualification (Professional/AA/JR/Starter Rider).
 - iii. A copy of each score.
 1. Copies of tests must show the level, score, show name, date, and judge's signature to be considered valid (see criteria for each award).
 2. Envelopes must be post marked by 10/15 or before. Taking a picture of the scores to send to the YEAP chair via email can facilitate timing since mail can be delayed.
 3. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF "L" grad, eventing schooling judge, or WDAA schooling judge to qualify depending on the criteria of the award.
 4. Eventing scores must include penalty points for all phases.
 5. Volunteer hours submitted to Volunteer coordinator (see criteria for volunteer hrs)
 6. Sorry, but do not send entries by Certified Mail. These entries will be returned to sender & you will have to resubmit by the closing date.
 7. Tests submitted will not be returned, so, send a copy and not the original.
 8. If you have any questions, please contact the YEAP chairperson.
- d. **Rider Status:**
 - i. **Junior:** An individual who has not reached his 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Persons born on December 1 assume the greater age on that date. If a competition is in progress on any November 30, junior status at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout that competition. USEF GR128 Junior
 - ii. **Amateur & Professionals:** Adults over 18 years of age as determined by the criteria set forth in USEF Rules GR1306 and GR1307.
 - iii. **Starter Rider:** An individual who has never shown above Training Level Test 1 regardless of age. They are no longer considered a starter rider once they compete at a test above Training Level Test 1.

- e. Prior Championship: Winning a Champion award is limited to 2-consecutive years at the same level/award with the same horse. After winning 2-consecutive championships, the horse/rider combination is ineligible to apply at that level for one year. Prior championship criteria do not apply to overall awards such as Recognized Dressage FEI and Masters Championships.

- f. Awards:
 - i. Awards may be combined or split by Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
 - ii. Awards will be distributed to recipients at the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet. Any awards not picked up at the banquet will be mailed at the cost of the recipient.
 - iii. Bringing awards back to your barn to recipients that were not at the banquet would be appreciated.
 - iv. Awards will not be mailed until the shipping fee is received by the YEAP chairperson.
 - v. The fee to mail awards is \$10.00 to an individual, heavy prizes like bags of horse treats or bags of grain will be forfeited due to the high cost of shipping heavy items unless the recipient is willing to pay for the increased cost.
 - vi. Awards to barns with more than 2 recipients will have their awards delivered to the barn by a volunteer for free if they are within the Capital District.
 - vii. Awards to barns with more than 1 recipient outside of the Capital District will be mailed for a \$15 dollar fee and heavy prizes like bags of horse treats or bags of grain will be forfeited due to the high cost of shipping heavy items unless the recipient is willing to pay for the increased cost.

- g. Volunteer requirements:
 - i. Must show proof of a minimum of 6 hours volunteer hours to ENYDCTA or to an ENYDCTA Business Member event sometime during the year.
 - 1. Of the total volunteer hours, at least 3 must be directly at an ENYDCTA event.
 - 2. Volunteers are responsible for verifying their volunteer hours with the Volunteer Coordinator.
 - 3. In lieu of fulfilling volunteer hours, an applicant may make a donation to ENYDCTA for \$10 hour for every hour they have not volunteered or donate an item with a value of \$60 or more to the silent auction but both must occur before the YEA application due date of 10/15.
 - 4. Donations must be verified by the treasurer or the silent auction coordinator.

- h. Competition Levels:
 - i. You may apply at 2 consecutive levels (e.g., training and first level) at the same time with the same horse/rider combination for dressage and eventing.
 - ii. You may apply at the same level with more than one horse, each being considered a separate horse/rider application for dressage and eventing.
 - iii. 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.

2. Dressage Awards:

a. Dressage Guidelines:

- i. Dressage awards are awarded to the highest scoring horse/rider combination
- ii. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels, unless different under the award description.
- iii. Opportunity Class scores do not count towards recognized shows. These scores should be submitted as schooling show scores.
- iv. Intro is not a USEF recognized level. Scores for Intro level tests earned at a recognized show will count towards schooling show awards.
- v. Dressage scores from USEA eventing or working equitation tests cannot be used towards dressage awards unless stated otherwise in the award criteria.

b. Placing determination:

- i. The year-end high point is calculated by the median dressage score submitted as required by the award criteria. The YEAP average is then weighted against other nominee's competing for the same award.
 1. Median Score = Middle Score for odd-numbered (or average of the two middle scores) for even-numbered
Median Score = $[67.1 + 67.2] / 2$
Median Score = 67.15%
 - a. median score eliminates outlier scores
- ii. Champion through 10th place is awarded at each level unless otherwise indicated.
- iii. Awards may be combined or split by Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
- iv. Ties will be broken using the highest score submitted.
- v. Score Equivalents for FEI Tests (based on USDF award criteria):
 - FEI Children's tests – equivalent to Second Level, Test 3
 - FEI Pony Individual and Team Tests – equivalent to Second Level, Test 3
 - FEI Junior Individual and Team Tests – equivalent to Third Level, Test 3
 - FEI Young Rider Individual Test – equivalent to Fourth Level Test 3
 - FEI Young Rider Team Test – equivalent to FEI Prix St. George
 - FEI U25 Grand Prix test is recognized as Intermediate II for USDF Awards

c. Criteria

i. Recognized Dressage, Training Level – Fourth Level (Professional/AA/Jr)

1. All scores must be from USEF recognized dressage shows.
2. Submit the 4 highest scores earned at a given level.
3. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels
4. Scores must be from at least 2 different shows with 2 different judges.
5. 1 of the 4 scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level.
6. Intro level and Opportunity Classes are considered schooling show classes, even when held at a recognized competition.
7. These awards may be combined or split by level Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.

ii. Recognized Dressage, FEI:

1. This is an overall award but may be combined or split by level and/or Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. All scores must be from USEF recognized dressage shows.
3. Submit the 4 highest scores earned at a given level.
4. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels
5. Scores must be from at least 2 different shows with 2 different judges.

iii. Recognized Dressage Freestyle:

1. This is an overall award but may be combined or split by level and/or Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. Submit the 3 highest freestyle scores earned at a given level.

iv. Schooling Show Dressage, Intro – Fourth Level (Professional/AA/Jr):

1. Scores must be submitted from at least 3 different shows and from 3 different judges.
2. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge for the one ENYDCTA schooling show.
3. Submit the 4 highest scores earned at a given level.
4. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels
5. 1 of the 4 scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level.
6. Dressage scores from USEA eventing or working equitation tests cannot be used towards dressage awards
7. Intro level and Opportunity Classes are considered schooling show classes, even when held at a recognized competition.
8. These awards may be combined or split by level Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.

v. Schooling Dressage Freestyle:

1. This is an overall award but may be combined or split by level and/or Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. Submit the 3 highest freestyle scores earned at a given level.

vi. ENYDCTA Schooling Show series USDF Dressage, Intro-Fourth Level (Professional/AA/Jr):

1. Scores must be submitted from 2 ENYDCTA schooling shows from 2 different judges.
2. ENYDCTA Fix-a-test scores may be used but you may only submit the score earned before the session with the judge. The score from the second ride cannot be used.
3. Submit the 4 highest scores earned at a given level.
4. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels
5. 1 of the 4 scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level. *If using an eventing test keep in mind the highest level of test may be a higher level eventing dressage test. Example: a Beginner Novice A or B would have to ride an Eventing Novice test which is equivalent to the highest test (Test 3) of Training Level.*
6. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify, except for the Fix a Test schooling show.
7. Eventing Test equivalent to Dressage Tests
 - a. Eventing Beginner Novice A = Training Level Test 1
 - b. Eventing Beginner Novice B = Training Level Test 2
 - c. Eventing Novice A/B Levels = Training Level Test 3
 - d. Eventing Training = First Level Test 1
 - e. Eventing Modified = First Level Test 2
 - f. Preliminary Levels = First Level Test 3
 - g. Eventing Intermediate Level = Second Level Test 2 & 3
 - h. Eventing Advanced Level = Third Level Test 2 & 3
8. These awards may be combined or split by level Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.

ii. Starter Rider – Walk and Trot (AA/Jr):

1. Submit the 4 highest scores earned from current USDF Intro Test A or Test B
2. Scores must be submitted from at least 3 different shows and from 3 different judges.
3. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge
4. These awards may be combined or split by level AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.

iii. Starter Rider – Walk, Trot and Canter (AA/Jr):

1. Submit the 4 highest scores earned from current USDF Intro Test C or Training level Test 1
2. Scores must be submitted from at least 3 different shows and from 3 different judges.
3. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify.
4. These awards may be combined or split by level AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.

ii. Masters Dressage Championships, Training - FEI

1. This is an overall award may be combined or split by level Professional/AA at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. The rider must be 60 years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year. The age of an individual on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on December 1 assume the greater age on that date. If a competition is in progress on any November 30, age status at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout that competition.
3. Scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling shows.
4. Freestyle scores are not eligible.
5. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels
6. 4 scores must be submitted from at least 2 different dressage shows and from 2 different judges.
7. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify.

iii. Dressage Rider Achievement Awards

1. Rider achievement awards are given to the rider - these are personal achievement awards, not competitive awards.
2. Scores received from multiple horses may be submitted.
3. 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.
4. Scores can be from recognized shows and schooling shows.
5. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF "L" grad or eventing schooling judge.
6. You may apply for more than one level at any time.
7. Scores cannot be combined across levels.
8. You cannot use eventing dressage, or working equitation scores toward dressage achievement awards.
9. Submit 5 scores from 3 different shows and 3 different judges for each medallion. Each medallion can only be earned once, per rider.
 - a. Teal Medallion (Freestyle): Completion of 5 freestyles at any level.
 - b. Pink Medallion (Intro Level): scores of 63% or higher.
 - c. White Medallion (Training Level): scores of 63% or higher.
 - d. Yellow Medallion (1st Level): scores of 60% or higher.
 - e. Maroon Medallion (2nd Level): scores of 60% or higher.
 - f. Green Medallion (3rd Level): scores of 60% or higher.
 - g. Red Medallion (4th Level): scores of 55% or higher.
 - h. Blue Medallion (Prix St. Georges): scores of 55% or higher.
 - i. Purple Medallion (Intermediate I): scores of 55% or higher.
 - j. Silver Medallion (Intermediate II): scores of 55% or higher.
 - k. Gold Medallion (Grand Prix): scores of 55% or higher.

iv. Western Dressage WDAA levels Intro – Level 5

1. This is an overall award but may be split by level and/or Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF "L" grad, eventing schooling judge or WDAA schooling judge to qualify from recognized or schooling shows.
3. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels.
4. Submit, 4 scores must be submitted from 2 different shows from at least 2 different judges

v. ENYDCTA Schooling Show Western Dressage, Intro – Level 5

1. This is an overall award may be combined or split by level Professional/AA at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF "L" grad, eventing schooling judge or WDAA schooling judge to qualify.
3. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels.
4. Submit, 4 scores must be submitted from 2 different shows from at least 2 different judges

vi. Masters Western Dressage, Intro – Level 5

1. This is an overall award may be combined or split by level Professional/AA at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
2. The rider must be 60 years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year. The age of an individual on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on December 1 assume the greater age on that date. If a competition is in progress on any November 30, age status at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout that competition.
3. Scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling shows.
4. Freestyle scores are not eligible.
5. Scores must meet the minimum requirement of 55% for all levels
6. 4 scores must be submitted from at least 2 different dressage shows and from 2 different judges.
7. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad, eventing schooling judge, or WDAA schooling judge to qualify.

vii. Western Dressage Rider Achievement Awards

1. Rider achievement awards are given to the rider - these are personal achievement awards, not competitive awards.
2. Scores received from multiple horses may be submitted.
3. 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.
4. Scores can be from recognized shows and schooling shows
5. All scores submitted must be from at least an “L” judge, eventing schooling judge, or WDAA schooling judge to qualify
6. The medallion can only be earned once per rider per level.
7. You may apply for more than one level at any time.
8. Scores cannot be combined across levels.
9. You cannot use eventing, working equitation, or dressage scores toward western dressage achievement awards.
10. Submit 5 scores from 3 different shows and 3 different judges.
 - a. Teal Medallion (Freestyle): Completion of 5 freestyles at any level.
 - b. Pink Medallion (Intro Level): scores of 63% or higher.
 - c. White Medallion (Basic Level): scores of 63% or higher.
 - d. Yellow Medallion (Level 1): scores of 60% or higher.
 - e. Maroon Medallion (Level 2): scores of 60% or higher.
 - f. Green Medallion (Level 3): scores of 60% or higher.
 - g. Red Medallion (Level 4): scores of 55% or higher.
 - h. Blue Medallion (Level 5 was missing): scores of 55% or higher.

3. Eventing Awards:

a. Eventing Guidelines:

- i. Eventing awards recognize the lowest penalty point horse/rider combination.
- ii. Scores submitted must be the final results. Jumping and cross-country scores must be submitted with dressage scores.
- iii. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify.
- iv. 2 Phase scores do not count towards recognized shows. These scores should be submitted as schooling show scores.
- v. Awards may be combined or split by Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
- vi. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels, unless different under the award description.

b. Placing determination:

- i. The year-end high point is calculated by the median score submitted as required by the award criteria. The YEAP average is then weighted against other nominee’s competing for the same award.
 1. Median Score = Middle Score for odd-numbered (or average of the two middle scores) for even-numbered
Median Score = $[67.1 + 67.2] / 2$
Median Score = 67.15
 - a. median score eliminates outlier scores
- ii. Champion through 10th place is awarded at each level unless otherwise indicated.
- iii. Awards may be combined or split by Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.

c. Criteria:

i. **USEF/USEA Recognized Eventing, Beginner Novice – Advanced (Professional/AA/Jr):**

1. All scores must be from USEF/USEA recognized competitions.
2. Submit the 3 lowest scores earned at a given level from at least 3 different events.
3. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
4. 2-phase are considered schooling show classes, even when held at a recognized competition.
5. USEA intro or starter test scores at recognized scores can be applied to schooling shows not recognized shows.
6. Awards may be combined or split by Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson

- ii. **Schooling Show Eventing, 2 Phase, intro – Advanced (Professional/AA/Jr):**
 - 1. Submit the 3 lowest scores earned at a given level from at least 2 different events.
 - 2. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
 - 3. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify
 - 4. Test Divisions such as Intro or Starter are considered schooling show scores, even when held at a recognized competition.
 - 5. These awards may be combined or split by level Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
- iii. **Schooling Show Eventing, 3 Phase, intro – Advanced (Professional/AA/Jr):**
 - 1. This is an overall award but may be combined or split by level and/or Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
 - 2. Submit the 3 lowest scores earned at a given level from at least 2 different events.
 - 3. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
 - 4. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify
 - 5. Test Divisions such as Intro or Starter are considered schooling show scores, even when held at a recognized competition.
 - 6.
- iv. **ENYDCTA Schooling Show series 2-Phase, Tad Pole – Advanced (Professional/AA/Jr):**
 - 1. Scores must be submitted from 2 ENYDCTA schooling shows from 2 different judges.
 - 2. Submit the 2 lowest scores earned at a given level.
 - 3. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
 - 4. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify
 - 5. These awards may be combined or split by level Professional/AA/JR at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
- v. **Masters Eventing Championship, Beginner Novice – Advanced:**
 - 1. This is an overall award may be combined or split by level Professional/AA at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
 - 2. A single championship is given to the lowest penalty point horse/rider combination.
 - 3. The rider must be 60 years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year. The age of an individual on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on December 1 assume the greater age on that date. If a competition is in progress on any November 30, age status at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout that competition.
 - 4. Scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling shows.
 - 5. Submit the 3 lowest scores earned at a given level from at least 2 different events.
 - 6. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
 - 7. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify.
 - 8. Two phase scores are not eligible. Scores must contain all three elements.

vi. **Eventing Rider Achievement Awards**

1. Rider achievement awards are given to the rider - these are personal achievement awards, not competitive awards.
2. Scores received from multiple horses may be submitted.
3. 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.
4. Scores can be from recognized shows and schooling shows.
5. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify.
6. You may apply for more than one level at any time.
7. Scores cannot be combined across levels.
8. Submit 3 scores from 3 different shows for each medallion. Each medallion can only be earned once, per level.
 - a. Pink Medallion (Intro Level): Completion of three horse trials with a finished score 50 or less.
 - b. Maroon Medallion (Starter Level) Completion of three horse trials with a finished score 50 or less.
 - c. White Medallion (Beginner Novice Level): Completion of three horse trials with a finished score 50 or less.
 - d. Green Medallion (Novice Level): Completion of three horse trials with a finished score 50 or less.
 - e. Yellow Medallion (Training Level): Completion of three different horse trials at training level with a finished score 50 or less.
 - f. Blue Medallion (Modified Level): Completion of three different horse trials at modified level with a finished score 55 or less
 - g. Red Medallion (Preliminary Level): Completion of three competitions. This includes horse trials, 2-day and 3-day competitions with a finished score 55 or less.
 - h. Silver Medallion (Intermediate Level): Completion of three competitions. This includes horse trials, 2-day and 3-day competitions with a finished score 55 or less
 - i. Gold Medallion (Advanced Level): Completion of three competitions this includes horse trials, 2-day and 3-day competitions with a finished score 55 or less.

vii. **Volunteer Medals.** Volunteer medals are given to ENYDCTA members who graciously volunteer their time to ENYDCTA. These are cumulative and may cover several years.

Volunteer hours must be sent to the volunteer coordinator.

1. Bronze Medal 75 hours
2. Silver Medal 90 hours
3. Gold Medal 105