

# Year End Award Program - Eventing

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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!

- a. **COMPLETED APPLIATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 3, 2023. Applications can be submitted via USPS or email, If you include scores received b/w 9/26-10/3/23 they need to reach Denise by 10/3/23, & can be sent via email up to 10/3/23.**

## 2. 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 15, 2022 to October 2, 2023. The only exception to this is rider achievement awards, which can be earned over time, throughout more than one competitive year.
- c. **COMPLETED APPLIATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AN BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 3, 2023. Incomplete applications will be ineligible for awards. Applications can be submitted via USPS or email, If you include scores received b/w 9/26-10/3/23 they need to reach Denise by 10/3/23, & can be sent via email up to 10/3/23.**
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  - i. Indicate which award(s) you are competing for by filling out the YEAP application.
  - 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 9/26/23 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.
- e. **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 October 3, 2023.
  4. Donations must be verified by the treasurer or the silent auction coordinator.
- f. Rider Status:
- i. Juniors (does not include professionals): An individual who has not reached his 21st 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.
  - ii. Adult Amateur riders who are not professionals: Adults over 21 years of age and older.
  - iii. Maiden Rider (Dressage only, refer to the dressage criteria document): An individual who is in their first year of competing in dressage. Maiden awards are not restricted by age.
  - iv. Professional: Over the age of 18 and receives monetary compensation for equine activity involving teaching riders and training horses.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. 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.

### 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 average score submitted as required by the award criteria. The YEAP average is then weighted against other nominee’s competing for the same award.
- ii. Champion through 10<sup>th</sup> 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.
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- iv. **ENYDCTA Schooling Show series 2-Phase, Tad Pole – Advanced (Professional/AA/Jr):**
1. Scores must be submitted from 1 ENYDCTA schooling show and 1 ENYDCTA business member schooling show 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, Junior, & Adult Amateur Eventing Championship, Beginner Novice – Advanced:**
1. This is an overall award may be combined or split by level Professional/Junior/AA at the discretion of the YEAP chairperson.
  2. A single championship is given to the lowest penalty point horse/rider combination.
  3. Masters: 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. Juniors (does not include professionals): An individual who has not reached his 21st 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.
  5. Adult Amateur riders who are not professionals: Adults over 21 years of age up to 59.
  6. Scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling shows.
  7. Submit the 3 lowest scores earned at a given level from at least 2 different events.
  8. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
  9. All scores submitted must be from at least an USDF “L” grad or eventing schooling judge to qualify.
  10. Two phase scores are not eligible. Scores must contain all three element.

**\*\*GO TO THE ENYDCTA DRESSAGE CRITERIA FOR THE USEA DRESSAGE TEST ONLY AWARDS.\*\***

**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. Eventing Horse of the Year Award**

1. This is an overall award based on the horse.
2. One championship will be awarded to the lowest scoring eventing horse regardless of level.
3. Scores may be submitted by more than one rider for the same horse at the same level.
4. Scores may not be combined across levels.
5. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels.

6. Scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling events.
7. All scores submitted must be from at least an “L” judge to qualify.
8. Submit 4 lowest scores.
9. Two-phase scores do not count for this award; two-phase has its own Horse of the Year Award.

viii. **Two Phase Horse of the Year**

1. This is an overall award based on the horse.
2. One championship will be awarded to the lowest scoring two phase horse regardless of level.
3. Scores may be submitted by more than one rider for the same horse at the same level.
4. Scores may not be combined across levels.
5. Scores must meet a final minimum score of 55 for all levels
6. Scores can be submitted from both recognized and schooling events
7. All scores submitted must be from at least an “L” judge to qualify.
8. Submit 4 lowest scores.
9. Scores must be from two phase competitions. You may not submit scores from competitions in which you competed in all three phases. Three phase scores should be submitted for Eventing Horse of the Year.