



## SWFDA Year End Award Requirements

*As Amended September 2011*

The following Year-End Awards will be offered:

### ***SWFDA Volunteer of the Year Award (a.k.a. work credits award)***

USDF Introductory Level	USEF Fourth Level Open
USEF Training Level AA**	FEI Level Dressage AA**
USEF Training Level Open	FEI Level Dressage Open
USEF First Level AA**	USEF Recognized Show Award AA**
USEF First Level Open	USEF Recognized Show Award Open
USEF Second Level AA**	SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas De Deux Award
USEF Second Level Open	SWFDA/USDF/USEF Freestyle Award
USEF Third Level AA**	SWFDA Team Award
USEF Third Level Open	Novice Award**
USEF Fourth Level AA**	Junior/Young Rider Award**

\*\*Must Be Noted on EVERY Show Entry Form

**Adult Amateur Rider:** Any adult rider who does not take remuneration for riding or training horses or training/coaching riders.

**Novice rider:** Any rider at any level who has never won a SWFDA Year-End Award Champion or Reserve Champion placing at any level on any horse.

**Junior/Young Rider:** Any rider up to the age of 21.

### **Guidelines**

1. The show year is from May 16th through May 15th of the following year.

**\*\*2.** *Volunteers nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award (a.k.a. work credits award) and riders earning work credits must file their Year End Nomination Form with the Year-End Awards Coordinator prior to earning any work credits. If the nomination form is postmarked by November 5, 2011 work credits from SWFDA events/shows held from May 16-November 5, 2011 will be accepted. If the nomination form is postmarked after November 5, 2011 work credits will only count from the day of the postmark. Work credits submissions sent to the Year-End Awards Coordinator must include the date of the event, description of the task and points earned.*

3. Each horse/rider combination must file their Year-End Awards Nomination Form prior to earning any scores. If the nomination form is postmarked by November 5, 2011 scores from shows held from May 16-November 5, 2011 will be accepted. If the nomination form is postmarked after November 5, 2011 scores will only count from the day of the postmark.

4. All riders must submit a photocopy of the front of each test they want considered for SWFDA Year-End Awards, including tests from **SWFDA hosted schooling shows, SWFDA sanctioned shows and, for the USEF Recognized Show Award, non-SWFDA USEF Recognized shows.** Test photocopies may be sent to the Coordinator after each show (Coordinator will select the highest scored tests for each rider/horse at the end of the season). **OR** at the end of the season, the rider may select their highest scores and send the required number of tests to the Coordinator. Copies must be postmarked no later than May 22nd.

The photocopy must include:

\*Competition name & date

\*Rider's name

\*Horse's name

\*Judge's name & signature

\*Raw score & percentage

A copy of the inside of the test may be needed for verification. Riders are urged to keep their tests in case additional information is required. The Board of Directors will make the final decision as to test validity. The Coordinator will determine the average score. All averages will be published at the Year-End Awards Party & in the CenterLine Newsletter. The awards will be presented at the Awards Party.

5. In order to be eligible for awards:

a. Rider must be a SWFDA member in good standing at the time the scores are earned as well as at the time of the Awards Party.

b. Riders must earn an initial 3 work credits to qualify for year-end awards. Additional work credits and/or fees are required for each level/award nominated.

6. The rider must pay the annual fee of \$20 per level/award **OR** commit to volunteering a minimum of four (4) work credits (to be completed by May 15) and pay \$10 per each level/award. Fees are to be paid with submission of the Year-End Awards Nomination form. (**Also remember #5 b. above.**)

7. "SWFDA show" means any show sanctioned and/or hosted by SWFDA, whether recognized or schooling, and wherever held.

8. To qualify for SWFDA Year-End Awards (other than the USEF Recognized Show Award), one score must be from a SWFDA-hosted schooling show. All other scores must be from either SWFDA-hosted schooling shows and/or SWFDA-sanctioned shows. For the USEF Recognized Show Award, one score must be from a SWFDA-hosted or sanctioned USEF recognized show, if one is held during that show year.

### **Level Requirements**

**USDF Introductory Level:** Requires 4 scores, with one score from the highest test of the level, to be averaged.

**USEF Training Level through Second Level:** Requires 5 scores, with one score from the highest test of the level.

**USEF Third Level & Fourth Level:** Requires 3 scores, with one score from the highest test of the level.

**FEI Level:** Requires 3 scores. Scores may be from any combination of FEI levels.

**SWFDA/USDF/USEF Freestyle:** Requires 3 scores from the same level.

**SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas De Deux:** Requires 3 scores from the same level.

**USEF Recognized Show Award:** Requires scores from a minimum of 3 judges & a minimum of 2 different USEF shows. Training level through Fourth Level requires 6 scores. FEI level requires 4 scores. Scores may be from any combination of levels and can include Open, Maiden, Qualifying, Amateur, Novice, Limited, Junior/Young Rider, and Freestyle classes. USDF Introductory classes do not count. If SWFDA hosts or sanctions a recognized show, one score must be from that show.

**Team Award:** The team will consist of 4 Horse/Rider combinations representing a minimum of 2 levels. A minimum of 2 scores are required from each horse/rider combination, with a total of 12 scores overall. Horse/Rider combinations can ride in either 1 or 2 consecutive levels. The team must be declared prior to any scores being earned. If a team member or horse is unable to compete before earning the minimum 2 scores, a substitute may be nominated. The substitute's scores will replace any score that may have been earned by the original team member. Scores from the substitute team member will only count from the day of the postmark on the new Year-End Nomination Form. All other team-member scores will count from the postmark on their original Nomination Form. Photocopies of the team members' tests must be sent to the Year-End Awards Coordinator.

**Novice and Junior/Young Rider Awards:** Requires 4 scores from SWFDA shows in any combination of levels. Placing will be determined by the average score. **Novice, JR/Young Rider & Adult Amateur status MUST be declared on EACH show entry form.**



## SWFDA Year End Award Declaration Form

Show Year: 2011—2012: This is an annual declaration of intent to be eligible to receive a SWFDA award.

**For Volunteers:** There is no fee for the Volunteer of the Year Award, however you must fill out this nomination form to be eligible. See #2 in Year-End Requirements.

**For Riders:** Riders must earn an initial 3 work credits to qualify for year-end awards. Additional work credits and/or fees are required for each level/award nominated. If you choose to pay the \$20 per level/award fee, it must be paid prior to any scores being earned. Once committed to Work Credits and scores have been earned, you may not opt to pay the \$20 per level/award fee. See #3 in the Year-End Requirements. To be considered for Year End Awards all test copies should be sent to Verna (see guidelines in Year-End Requirements Info)

One Volunteer or One Horse/Rider Combination per Form. Must be a SWFDA Member.

**Name of Volunteer or Rider:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Horse (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Select One of the Options Below:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 fee per level/award                      or                      \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 fee with 4 work credits per level/award

Please Check ALL the awards you would like to compete for and add fees next to each award:

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| _____ USDF Introductory Level                      FEE                      _____<br>_____ USEF Training Level AA**                      _____<br>_____ USEF Training Level Open                      _____<br>_____ USEF First Level AA**                      _____<br>_____ USEF First Level Open                      _____<br>_____ USEF Second Level AA**                      _____<br>_____ USEF Second Level Open                      _____<br>_____ USEF Third Level AA**                      _____<br>_____ USEF Third Level Open                      _____<br>_____ USEF Fourth Level AA**                      _____ | _____ USEF Fourth Level Open                      FEE                      _____<br>_____ FEI Level AA**                      _____<br>_____ FEI Level Open                      _____<br>_____ SWFDA/USDF/USEF Freestyle                      _____<br>_____ SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas De Deux                      _____<br>_____ USEF Recognized Show Award Open                      _____<br>_____ USEF Recognized Show Award AA**                      _____<br>_____ Junior/Young Rider Award**                      _____<br>_____ Novice Award**                      _____ |
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**\*\*Novice, JR/Young Rider & Adult Amateur status  
MUST be declared on EACH show entry form.**

Total number of levels/awards entered: \_\_\_\_\_                      Total Fees Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Of The Year Award (a.k.a. work credit award) **FREE—no fee**

\_\_\_\_\_ SWFDA Team Award (Each member must list all team members below) **FREE—no fee**

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

Horse/Rider/Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/Rider/Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/Rider/Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/Rider/Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please Make Check Payable to: SWFDA

Mail Payment & Form To: Verna Saxer-Gibson, Year End Coordinator \* 11550 Shirley Ln \* North Ft. Myers, FL 33917