

SWFDA Year End Award Requirements

As Amended August, 2016

The following Year-End Awards will be offered:

USDF Introductory Level	USDF Quadrille
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
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**
USEF Fourth Level Open	USEF Western Dressage
SWFDA Volunteer of the Year Award (a.k.a. Work Credits Award)	

**Must Be Noted on EVERY Show Entry Form

Adult Amateur Rider: Any adult rider who does not accept 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. Riders have three options to be eligible to compete for SWFDA awards. See SWFDA Year End Award Form and Guideline # 5.
3. **For ALL SWFDA show awards** all riders must submit a photocopy of the front of **each test** they want considered for SWFDA Year-End Awards. **Each rider** is responsible for keeping a hard copy of their scores. They must mail the hard copy to the Coordinator at the end of the season. The Deadline will be May 22, 2017. If you are declaring a test score for multiple awards, you must make a copy of the test score for each award level you want considered. Phoning in or texting your test scores will not be permitted. If test sheets are lost or destroyed, please contact the Year End Award Coordinator for alternate means of verification.

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 & SWFDA.ORG website. The awards will be presented at the Awards Party.

4. In order to be eligible for awards, riders 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.
5. **Option # 1** : Pay one \$20.00 fee and submit the Year End Award Form by January 1, 2017.

Option # 2 : Earn 8 work credits and submit a work credit form on or before May 22, 2017.

Option # 3 : Pay one \$20.00 fee and one \$10.00 LATE FEE, and submit a Year End Award Form on or before May 22, 2017.

6. "SWFDA show" means any show sanctioned and/or hosted by SWFDA, whether recognized or schooling, and wherever held.
For the 2016-2017 show season, SWFDA will sanction all Fox Lea Farm dressage shows, and all Alpha Dressage Association shows.
7. 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. (Fox Lea Farm dressage shows)

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 Western Dressage:** Requires **3 scores** from classes offered.

USDF Quadrille: Requires **3 scores**.

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. (i.e. Fox Lea Farm dressage shows).

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.

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.