

2010 SVDA YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The 2010 SVDA award year will be from 12/01/09 to 11/30/10. Awards will be presented at the SVDA Awards Banquet in January 2011.

SVDA offers its members the following awards:

1. Schooling Show Ribbon Awards (Section B)
2. Licensed Show Ribbon Awards (Section C)
3. Medal Awards (Section D)
4. Achievement Awards (Section E)
5. Voted Special Awards: Bob Snyder Award for Volunteer of the Year, Sportsmanship, and Most Improved Rider (Section F)
6. Special Awards: Captain Andy, Oak Haven Perpetual, Schooling High Point Pewter, and Licensed High Point Pewter (Section G)

A. Eligibility Requirements for SVDA Awards

1. The rider and owner must be a member of SVDA in good standing at the time of ride.
2. An SVDA member who is leasing a horse is considered the owner for the purpose of showing and awards. The actual owner of the horse does not have to be a member of SVDA for the horse to be shown or to qualify for awards.
3. Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. (DR119.3 USEF Rule Book, 2010)
4. Riders the age of 45 or over during the award year qualify for the SVDA Vintage Division.
5. Riders must volunteer at least 8 hours of service to SVDA during the award year. The first 4 hours of service must be completed by July 1.
6. Copies of Schooling Show and SVDA Sanctioned Schooling Show test scores must be submitted to the Awards Chair by December 4, 2010 to be eligible for awards. See specific awards for details. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature.
7. Copies of Recognized Show test scores must be submitted to the Awards Chair by December 4, 2010 to be eligible for Recognized Show awards. See specific awards for details. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. A copy of a USDF Internet Printout of a Licensed Test score is also acceptable.
8. It is the position of the Board of Directors of SVDA that specialty show scores (i.e. Quarter Horse, Morgan, and Arab shows) are not considered for tabulation in the SVDA year end awards. However, SVDA members participating in open dressage classes at a show advertised in the regional USDF Omnibus who have questions about acceptance of their scores may submit information to the Board of Directors for clarification. Consideration of score eligibility will be based on the show's prize list, the list of classes, the Omnibus ad, and the USDF and USEF show numbers.

B. SVDA Schooling Show Ribbon Awards

1. "Schooling Shows" include all SVDA schooling shows, SVDA Sanctioned schooling shows, Region I Team competitions for Junior/Young riders and Adults, and "Opportunity Classes" at any USEF Licensed show. A copy of each test included for awards must be submitted with the application. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature.
2. Riders must submit an application with copies of the top six (6) SVDA Schooling and/or SVDA Sanctioned Schooling Show tests for a horse/rider pair in a level. To qualify for champion or reserve champion, at least two (2) of the six rides must be from the highest test of that level. The scores will be averaged to determine the award winners from each level. (2/03)
3. Applications and copies of SVDA Schooling and SVDA Sanctioned Schooling Show test scores must be submitted to the Awards Chair by December 4, 2010 to be eligible for SVDA Schooling Show scores. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature.
4. All riders who submit two (2) of six (6) scores from the highest test of the level will place above non-qualifiers. The remaining places will be filled by non-qualifiers. Consequently, a non-qualifier with a higher average score may place below a qualifier.
5. In case of a tie, the horse/rider combination with the highest score from the highest test of the level will receive the award. Duplicate awards will be given if the tie cannot be broken.
6. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to riders for each level: Dressage Equitation, Suitability for Dressage, Introductory, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Combined FEI Levels. MFS will have separate awards depending on participation.
8. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Junior/ Young riders for each level if there is sufficient competition. There may or may not be a level separation.
9. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Vintage riders for each level if there is sufficient competition. There may or may not be a level separation. Riders over 45 or over during the award show year qualify for this division.

C. Licensed Show Ribbon Awards

1. Riders must submit an application with a copy of three (3) Licensed Show tests with at least one (1) of the rides from the highest test of that level. The scores will be averaged to determine the award winners from that level. Specialty (i.e. breed) show tests will not be considered. (See Section A)
2. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. The scores will be averaged to determine the award winners from that level. Specialty (i.e. breed) show tests will not be considered. A copy of a USDF Internet Printout of a Licensed Test score is also acceptable.
3. In case of a tie, the horse/rider combination with the highest score from the highest test of the level will receive the award. Duplicate awards will be given if the tie cannot be broken.
4. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to riders for each level:
Introductory, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Pre St. George, Intermediare-1, Intermediare-2, Gran Prix and FEI Special (to include FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider, FEI Pony, and FEI Young Horse - 4, 5 & 6 year olds (which may be split up if enough members participate in the FEI Young Horse category) MFS will have separate awards depending on participation.
5. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Junior/Young Riders for each level mentioned if there are two or more eligible participants in a level.
6. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Vintage riders for each level if there is sufficient competition. There may or may not be a level separation.

D. Medal Awards

1. Riders must submit an application with copies of four (4) tests of 60.0% or higher under four (4) different judges at four (4) different shows, of which two (2) must be earned in an USEF Licensed Show. Schooling Show scores must be earned in any SVDA or SVDA sanctioned show.
2. Scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year.
3. The show secretary's signature on the SVDA Medal Award application form is waived providing a copy of the front page of the particular test for which the score is being submitted accompanies test scores submitted for consideration. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. A copy of a USDF Internet Printout of a Licensed Test score is also acceptable.
4. This is a rider only award, not a horse/rider combination award.
5. Each medal is a one-time award. It is presented to each SVDA rider only once.
6. The awards are: Bronze Award – Training Level and/or First Level
Silver Award – Second and/or Third Level
Gold Award – Fourth Level

E. Achievement Awards

1. Riders must submit a completed application.
2. The rider and horse combination must achieve four (4) scores from at least two (2) separate schooling and/ or licensed shows.
3. Scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year.
4. The SVDA Achievement Awards application must be signed by each show secretary OR
5. The show secretary's signature on the SVDA annual achievement award application form is waived providing a copy of the front page of the tests accompanies the application. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy section that includes the signature. A copy of a USDF Internet Printout of Licensed Test scores is also acceptable.
6. Each award recipient will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a Certificate for a free class in a SVDA schooling show.
7. Award requirements:
 - Training level 1 & 2: four scores of 60% or better
 - Training level 3 & 4: four scores of 60% or better
 - First level 1 & 2: four scores of 60% or better
 - First level 3 & 4: four scores of 60 % or better
 - Second level: four scores of 58% or better
 - Third level: four scores of 58% or better
 - Fourth level: four scores of 58% or better
 - FEI level: four scores of 58% or better

F. Voted Special Awards

1. Excellence in Sportsmanship Award (voted by membership)
2. Most Improved Rider Award (voted by membership)
3. Bob Snyder Award for the Volunteer of the Year (voted by board members)

G. Other Special Awards

Riders must submit an application with copies of the tests submitted for each award.

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1. Captain Andy Award for the Junior/Young Rider High Score (Recognized or Schooling Show, from Training Level and up) This award is for the Junior/Young rider member of SVDA who meets the SVDA volunteer requirement (eight hours of volunteer service (four of which must be completed by July 1, 2010), qualifies for end of year awards, AND has the **HIGHEST** single score in a Licensed or SVDA Schooling/ Sanctioned Schooling Show in the show year from Training Level and up. For consideration for this award, please send a copy of the ride with score to the Awards Chair. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. A copy of a USDF Internet Printout of a Licensed Test score is also acceptable.
2. Oak Haven Perpetual Trophy Average Score. This award is for the horse and rider combination (new horse, or new rider, or both new) in their **FIRST YEAR** showing in SVDA Sponsored, Schooling, or Recognized Shows. The horse and rider combination with the **HIGHEST AVERAGE** score for a level from Introductory Level and up will be considered. The applicant must meet the SVDA volunteer requirement (eight hours of volunteer service (four of which must be completed by July 1, 2010), and other minimum requirements to qualify for this award. Six SVDA Sanctioned/Schooling scores, OR three Licensed Show scores must be submitted for each level. Please send copies of the rides with scores to the Awards Chair. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. A copy of the USDF Internet Printout of Licensed Test scores is also acceptable.
3. The Schooling Pewter Award will be given for the highest single score in SVDA Schooling or Sanctioned Schooling Show at Training Level or higher (cannot include Introductory Level scores). Applicants need only meet the Volunteer Requirements. For consideration for this award, please send a copy of the ride with score to the Awards Chair. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature.
4. The Licensed Pewter Award will be given for the highest single score in a USEF Licensed Show at training level or higher. Applicants need only meet the Volunteer Requirements. For consideration for this award, please send a copy of the ride with score to the Awards Chair. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. A copy of a USDF Internet Printout of a Licensed Test score is also acceptable.

H. Mailing Address

Awards Applications with copies of Schooling, Sanctioned, and Recognized Show test scores must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson, Carol Gonyo, by December 4, 2010 to be eligible for Awards. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature. Eight hours of volunteer service (four of which must be completed by July 1, 2010) are required to qualify for all SVDA Year End Awards. .

Please mail to:

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To confirm *RECEIPT* of Applications with test copies, please send an email request to Carol Gonyo.