

The SVDA award year will be from 12/01 to 11/30.

Presentation of awards will be at the annual SVDA Awards Banquet.

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. 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.
4. Copies of Recognized Show test scores must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson, Carol Gonyo, by December 8, 2007 to be eligible for Recognized Show awards. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the back to include the signature.
5. It is the position of the Board of Directors of SVDA that specialty show scores (i.e. from Quarter Horse, Morgan, and Arab shows) are not considered for tabulation for 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.
6. The SVDA will maintain test scores for SVDA Schooling Show awards only.

B. SVDA Schooling Show Awards

1. Schooling Show scores will be considered from the top six (6) SVDA 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)
2. All riders who submit two (2) 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.
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. Duplication awards will be given if the tie cannot be broken.
4. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Senior riders for each level: Introductory, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Combined FEI Levels.
5. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Junior riders for each level if there is sufficient competition. There may or may not be a level separation.
6. The Pewter Award will be given for the highest single score in VADA/SVDA Schooling Show at Training Level or higher (cannot include Introductory Level scores).

C. Recognized Show Awards

1. Riders must submit a copy of three (3) Recognized 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 A.5)
2. In case of a tie, the horse/rider combination with the highest score from the highest test of the level will receive the award. Duplication awards will be given if the tie cannot be broken.
3. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Senior riders for each level: Introductory, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Combined FEI Levels.
4. First to sixth place ribbons will be awarded to Junior riders for each level if there is sufficient competition. There may or may not be a level separation.
5. The Pewter Award will be given for the highest single score in a VADA/SVDA Recognized Show at training level or higher (cannot include Introductory Level scores).

D. Metal Awards

1. Riders must submit four (4) scores 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 Recognized 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 of the SVDA Metal 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.
 4. This is a rider only award, not a horse/rider combination award.
 5. Each metal is a one-time award. It is presented to each 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. Rider and horse combination must achieve four (4) scores from at least two (2) separate schooling and/ or recognized shows.
 2. Scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year.
3. The SVDA achievement awards rider/horse award report must be signed by the show secretary and submitted with the scores to the Awards Chairperson, Carol Gonyo.
4. The show secretary's signature of the SVDA annual achievement 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.
5. Each award recipient will receive: a Certificate of Achievement and a certificate for a free class in a SVDA schooling show.
 6. 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. Special Awards

1. Excellence in Sportsmanship Award (voted by membership)
2. Most Improved Rider Award (voted by membership)
3. "Captain Andy Award" for the Junior Rider High Score (Recognized or Schooling Show)
4. "Bob Snyder Award" for the Volunteer of the Year (voted by board members)
5. Oak Haven Perpetual Trophy Average Score Horse/Rider combination. (1st year showing in SVDA sponsored shows)
6. Vintage Division, Introductory - 4th (riders over 45 declared before competing at 1st schooling show of year)

G. Mailing Address

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Please submit copies (not originals) of recognized test scores to:
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tullagonyo@cox.net

To confirm receipt of test scores, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard