



## Mid-Ohio Dressage Association Annual Awards Program Award Year November 1 – October 31

### **Qualifications and Procedures:**

Annual awards are open to all MODA members in good standing. **The awards year shall run from November 1 of prior year to October 31 of current year unless otherwise stated for any given year.** The USDF score report is ran September 31, any recognized scores after that **MUST** be provided by the member. [Note: National championships will most commonly count towards the following year's awards, as they are likely to be held after October 30.]. Adjustments to the timetable might need to be made at the discretion of the Awards Committee. Members should consult the MODA newsletter, the MODA website ([midohiodressage.com](http://midohiodressage.com)) and Facebook for details and changes. All decisions and determinations made by MODA as to the eligibility, qualifications, and requirements to receive any or all awards shall be final.

### **Requirements:**

- Rider or owner must be a member of MODA in good standing at the time the scores are earned. Horse owner must be a member for In-Hand Horse Awards.
- **NEW First horse is included with the MODA membership**
- **NEW Additional horse(s) will cost \$25 per horse**
- Horse will be included under the membership of the rider/handler.
- All Year End Horse Awards fees may be paid when scores are submitted.
- Volunteer requirement:
  - **All awards require 8 hours of volunteer work to be earned between November 1 and October 31.**
  - **NEW Volunteer hours can be assigned to another individual prior to completion. Declaration of the assigned individual and who the hours will be counted for must be submitted and approved by the volunteer coordinator**
  - Report volunteer hours to the Volunteer Coordinator no later than October 31
  - Year-end scores will not be tabulated until the above volunteer requirements are met
  - If a member has earned extra hours, you may donate hours to another member or contact the Volunteer Coordinator or Awards Coordinator for donation arrangements
  - Volunteer opportunities are listed on the MODA website under the Volunteer tab
  - Opportunities include but are not limited to USEF/USDF Recognized Shows, MODA shows, MODA clinics, MODA recognized events, writing, and submitting an article for the MODA monthly newsletter and Region 2 functions
- **Scores must be submitted for Year-End-Awards in a timely manner; submission postmark date must be prior to October 31. Scores may be submitted or partially submitted through the year.**



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- It is the responsibility of the rider and/or owner to submit the scores to the Awards Coordinator. Copy the front of each test (for schooling shows) and/or a USDF Rider Score Check if you competed at Recognized Shows <http://www.usdf.org/usdfscores/index.asp>.
  - Please mail the forms to the person/address listed on the awards form.
  - **Name of show, date of show, score of test and name of judge must be readable on submitted copies.**
  - When two or more judges are scoring a test, the average will count as one score.
  - Hors d' concours scores do not count.
  - Scores for Horse Performance and Rider Performance Awards are cumulative and need not be earned in one year, however it is the riders responsibility to include appropriate proof of completion.
  - Rider/owner is responsible for saving tests from one year to the next.

### **Show Types:**

- **Schooling Shows** are usually local and smaller in size, hosted by local barns, clubs or a GMO (Group Member Organization of USDF).
  - Schooling shows are a great way for gaining experience, without the financial commitment and paperwork of Recognized Shows.
- Guidelines for Acceptation
  - Judge is at least an L graduate or a USEF judge.
  - The prize list states they will follow USEF rules.
  - **NEW:** MODA is omitting the form and fee to be a “MODA approved show.” In regard to “suspicious” test fronts the awards committee has the right to contact respective show management to determine authenticity.

Examples of Schooling Shows are MODA Schooling Shows, Ohio Dressage Society Schooling Shows, South Wind Stables Schooling Shows, SAGA, Ohio State Fair for 4-H kids, The Thoroughbred Makeover, The TIP Championships etc.

- **USEF/USDF Recognized Shows** are licensed by the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) and recognized by the USDF (United States Dressage Federation) and scores earned count toward national and regional year-end awards, and may qualify for regional or national championships.
  - “Opportunity Classes” at a Recognized show do count under the Recognized Division. Examples of these shows are Mid Ohio Dressage Spring I & II, MODA Classic, Region 2 Regional Finals, or any show that says “USEF/USDF Recognized”.
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- Guidelines for Acceptation
  - MODA year end award now accepts scores from shows that are USEF recognized even if they do not have USDF recognition.
  - Scores from breed specific shows such as Arabian and Morgan shows will now be accepted for MODA year end awards. These shows must use USEF dressage judges for their dressage classes. Scores in the breed specific category will be in the traditional dressage recognized division.

Examples of Recognized Shows are The Mid-Ohio Classic, Ohio Dressage Society Recognized Shows, Medallion I&II, Region 13 Sport Horse Championships, Region XIV S Iverama, Arabian & Half Arabian, Sport Horse Nationals, Tri State All Morgan, Buckeye Morgan Challenge

- **Western Dressage Shows** are all combined (schooling, WDAA Recognized, and USEF Recognized Western Dressage).

**Please refer to the Awards Committee Chair with any questions.**

### **Divisions:**

- **Youth:** Not reached 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by January 1
- **Adult Amateur:** 21 and over does not accept remuneration (money and/or gifts) for horse services (as defined by USEF Rule GR 1306).
- **Open:** Riders who are unspecified or professional.

### **Year End Categories:**

- The Following Levels and requirements:
  - **National Levels:** Introductory, Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth: 4 highest scores are averaged, minimum of 2 different judges.
  - **FEI:** Prix St. George, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Grand Prix: 3 highest scores averaged, from at least 2 different judges.
  - **Musical Freestyle,** all levels, classical (english) dressage and western dressage: 3 highest scores averaged from at least 2 different judges.
  - **Western:** Introductory, Basic, Level One, Level Two, Level Three, Level Four, Level Five: 4 highest scores averaged from at least 2 different judges.
  - **Eventing:** Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Prelim, Intermediate, Advanced: 3 highest scores averaged from at least 2 different judges. Recognized and Schooling shows included in averages.



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- o **Gaited Dressage:** Introductory, Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Western Dressage: 4 highest scores are averaged, minimum of 2 different judges.
- o **In-Hand, Materiele:** 3 highest scores averaged from at least 2 different judges. Recognized and Schooling shows included in averages.

Some Divisions (AA/Open/Youth) may be combined at the discretion of the Year-End Awards Committee. Other categories may be added at the discretion of the Year-End Awards Committee;

- o In the event of a tie, the horse/rider pair with the highest percentage on an individual test in their applicable level will win the tie. If the tie remains, the second highest test score will be used, then third, and fourth. In the event that 2 riders have the exact same scores for every test in their division, the tie will remain unbroken.
- o The same Horse/Rider combination may only receive the first place award in a given division/level two times, unless otherwise approved by the awards committee.

### **Rider Performance Awards:**

- Each rider award may be earned one time. Scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year. Scores do not have to be earned on the same horse.

#### Classical

- o **Emerging Rider:** Four scores of 55% or above at Intro Level
- o **Qualified Rider:** Four scores of 55% or above at Training Level
- o **Bronze:** Four scores of 55% or above at First Level
- o **Silver:** Four scores of 55% or above at Second Level
- o **Gold:** Four scores of 55% or above at Third Level
- o **Fourth Level:** Four scores of 55% or above at Fourth Level
- o **Prix St. George:** Four scores of 50% or above at Prix St. George
- o **Intermediate I:** Four scores of 50% or above at Intermediate I
- o **Intermediate II:** Four scores of 50% or above at Intermediate II
- o **Grand Prix:** Four scores of 50% or above at Grand Prix



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### Western

- o **Emerging Rider:** Four scores of 55% or above at Intro Level
- o **Qualified Rider:** Four scores of 55% or above at Basic Level
- o **Bronze:** Four scores of 55% or above at Level 1
- o **Silver:** Four scores of 55% or above at Level 2
- o **Gold:** Four scores of 55% or above at Level 3
- o **Level 4:** Four scores of 55% or above at Level 4
- o **Level 5:** Four scores of 55% or above at Level 5

### Performance Horse Awards:

- Scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year. Scores do not have to be earned with the same rider.
- Scores must be obtained from at least four (4) different judges that are qualified to judge at that level.

### Classical

- For Intro through 4<sup>th</sup> level to be recognized 10 scores of above 55%, with 4 being at the highest test of the level are required. Musical Freestyle can be included as the highest test of the level.
- For FEI level 5 scores above 55% are required to be recognized.

### Western

- For Intro Level through Level 5 to be recognized 10 scores of above 55%, with 4 being at the highest test of the level are required. Musical Freestyle can be included as the highest test of the level.

### Perpetual Awards:

#### Freestyle High Percentage Award

The winner is the horse/rider combination with the highest overall average Freestyle percentage. The highest 3 scores averaged within the same level, and schooling and USEF/USDF shows will be combined. The highest 3 scores are averaged from the same level, from USDF/USEF recognized shows.

#### MODA Mare High Percentage Awards

Presented to the owner of the mare in the respective division in Annual Horse Awards, having the highest overall average percentage (Schooling and/or USEF/USDF Recognized Shows).

- Intro/Training Levels “The Maddie”
- First thru Third Levels “The Winnie”
- Fourth thru Grand Prix Levels “The Wela”

#### MODA Adult Amateur Award

Presented to the MODA Adult Amateur member rider with the highest overall average percentage of 4 scores within a division and level (Schooling and/or USEF/USDF Recognized Shows)



## **Mid-Ohio Dressage Association Annual Awards Program**

### **Award Year November 1 – October 31**

#### **MODA Rising Star Award**

Selected from all youth riders (21 and under) that qualify in any level in the USEF/USDF Recognized Shows division of the Annual Horse Awards. It is granted to the rider with the highest overall average percentage of 4 scores at any 1 level.

#### **MODA Youth High Percentage Award**

MODA Youth members (21 and under) competing at MODA Recognized Schooling Shows with the highest average of four tests at any one level.

#### **Golden Apple Award**

The winner is selected from all horses, age 18 and older that qualify in any division of the Annual Horse Awards and is presented to the horse having the highest overall average percentage at any 1 level (Schooling or USEF/USDF Recognized division).

#### **The Vision Award**

The winner is selected from all non-European warmbloods or horses that are not of Spanish heritage, scoring the highest overall average percentage in the Annual Horse Awards, Intro through Grand Prix. It is granted to the horse with the highest overall average percentage of 4 scores at any 1 level (Schooling and/or USEF/USDF Recognized Shows)

#### **MODA High Percentage Trophy**

The winner will be the Adult Amateur rider scoring the highest percentage on any 1 dressage test at any MODA hosted Schooling Show.

#### **Thoroughbred Award**

The winner is selected from all horses, with a TIP number submitted with scores, that qualify in any level and earned at USEF/USDF Recognized shows. It is granted to the horse-owner (owner must be a member) with the highest overall average percentage of 4 scores at any 1 level.

#### **Irish Legend/Kathy Beecher Schooling Show Award**

The winner is selected from all Thoroughbreds (TIP number not necessary) with submitted scores, in any level and that were earned at any Schooling Show. It is granted to the horse-owner (owner must be a member) with the highest overall average percentage of 4 scores at any 1 level.

#### **South Wind Stables Western Dressage Award**

The winner is for Western Dressage riders, (horse and rider team) having the highest average of 4 scores at any one level.



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### **Big Shoes to Fill Award**

Awarded to the highest any one score earned by a pony from a MODA Recognized Schooling Show, or a USEF/USDF Recognized Show from scores submitted. Owner/rider must declare that the pony is indeed a pony. A USEF Pony Card is helpful but not mandatory. Owner and Rider must be MODA Members.

### **Touch the Sky Award**

Will be awarded to the MODA member rider showing at the highest-level test within the Schooling Shows Division, Classical and Western Dressage. Score must be submitted and must be a minimum of 55%. If 2 people ride the same level/test, the higher score wins.

### **MODA Leap High Award**

The winner is selected from all combinations in the Eventing division and is presented to the combination having the highest (or lowest) overall average percentage at any 1 level (Schooling or USEF/USDF Recognized division).

***The following awards have been generously donated and are given to the riders to keep***

### **Crossover Buckle Award**

The horse and rider pair must submit their 4 best scores from Western Dressage tests and their 4 best scores from Classical Dressage tests for a total of 8 tests. The tests must be at the equivalent level such as Western Basic and Classical Training Level.

### **Four Star Quarter Horse Award**

Four Star Quarter Horses, in Ostrander, Ohio have sponsored Year-End Ribbons for registered AQHA horses. This is to reward and encourage riders with registered Quarter Horses showing in dressage. (AQHA papers must be submitted along with year-end scores). Ribbons will be given in the following categories: (Average of 4 highest scores at any one level)

- USEF/USDF Recognized Shows, Youth.
- USEF/USDF Recognized Shows, Adult Amateur
- Schooling Shows, English or Western Dressage.

Categories may be adjusted as needed year to year.

### **Four Star Quarter Horses Buckle**

The highest score (average of 4 at any one level) overall.