

American Hanoverian Society, Inc. Awards Program 2017 - Eligibility Criteria

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- To be eligible for awards, the owner of the horse must be a current American Hanoverian Society, Inc. (AHS) member (Active, Regular, Associate, Junior or Life) and the horse must be properly recorded with the AHS in the current owner's name **as of July 30** of the competition year.
- Owners of horses competing in hunters, jumpers and/or eventing **MUST** complete and submit the AHS Performance Awards Form to the AHS office **by September 30** of the competition year. The Performance Awards Form is available on the AHS website, www.hanoverian.org, or through the AHS office, (859) 255-4141.
- Horses with an AHS Certificate of Pedigree (CP) are eligible for AHS Year-End Awards in performance divisions only (dressage; hunters; jumpers; eventing). CP horses are **NOT** eligible for AHS Year-End Awards in Sport Horse Breeding.

	Sport Horse Breeding- USEF/USDF Sport Horse Breed Shows	Hunters and Jumpers - USEF
Special Notes	These awards are determined by AHS rules, not USDF, so standings may differ slightly. AHS does not offer DSHB awards through the USDF All-Breeds Program.	
Horse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Horse must be registered (pink papers) or eligible for registration (in the case of foals or weanlings) with AHS. ▪ AHS Certificate of Pedigree horses are NOT eligible for AHS Sport Horse Breeding Year-End Awards. ▪ Horse must be registered with USDF. ▪ All horses must have a USDF HID or a lifetime USDF number (preferred) to show. ▪ Show name and registered name (if different) must be recorded with AHS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Horse must be registered with AHS. ▪ Horse must be lifetime registered with USEF or have paid the USEF Annual Horse Recording Fee at the time the scores are earned. ▪ AHS Certificate of Pedigree horses are eligible for AHS Hunter and Jumper Year-End Awards. ▪ Show and registered name (if different) must be recorded with AHS and USEF. ▪ The AHS Performance Awards Form must be completed and submitted to the AHS by September 30 of the competition year.
Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is required. ▪ USEF membership is optional. ▪ USDF membership: If the owner is not a USDF GMO member or a USDF Participating member, the owner must apply for and receive a USDF Non Member ID number in order to show in USDF DSHB shows. Owners having solely a USDF Non Member ID number or solely a GMO membership are not eligible for USDF-sponsored awards; owners will be eligible only for AHS awards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is required. ▪ USEF membership is required.
Rider/Handler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is optional. ▪ USDF membership is optional. ▪ USEF membership is optional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is optional. ▪ USEF membership is required.
Show Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USEF/USDF recognized Sport Horse Breeding Classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USEF licensed Hunter/Jumper Shows.
Divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Young Horse – Fillies (Weanlings and yearlings) ▪ Young Horse – Fillies (Two- and three-year-olds) ▪ Young Horse – Colts and Geldings (Weanlings and yearlings) ▪ Mature Horse – Mares (Four-year-olds and older, maiden/yeld or broodmare) ▪ Mature Horse – Stallions (Four-year-olds and older – must be AHS registered and licensed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USEF recognized national and zone hunter and jumper divisions (excluding side saddle divisions). ▪ USEF recognized hunter breeding. ▪ Grand Prix Jumpers Award: The winner is the Hanoverian earning the highest dollar amount of winnings in the USEF's Grand Prix standings.
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Median scores (similar to USDF program). IBC scores and Series Finals classes do not count; only scores from open, age and sex-specific classes will count. ▪ Horses must compete in a minimum of three shows to have a median score. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Winners will be determined by the highest points earned in each national division or the highest points earned across zones combined in which the USEF gives year-end awards (excluding side saddle divisions). ▪ "Points – increments" will be used to determine the winners, NOT money won. ▪ Horses must compete in a minimum of three USEF recognized shows to be eligible for ARS awards.
Awards Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 1 through December 31. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ December 1 through November 30.
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Division Champion receives a special AHS award. ▪ Each Division Reserve Champion receives a special AHS award. ▪ First through fifth place receive ribbons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Division Champion a special AHS award and ribbon. ▪ Each Division Reserve Champion receives a special AHS award and ribbon.

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	Dressage – USDF All-Breeds	Eventing
Horse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Horse must be registered with AHS. ▪ Horse must be lifetime registered with USDF. ▪ Horse must be lifetime registered with USEF or have paid the USEF Annual Horse Recording Fee at the time the scores are earned. ▪ AHS Certificate of Pedigree horses are eligible for AHS Dressage Year-End Awards. ▪ Show and registered name (if different) must be recorded with the AHS and USDF. ▪ In order for their Hanoverians to be eligible for the AHS All Breeds Awards (any division), owners must declare to USDF that AHS is their one and only "Awards Association." This is in accordance with policy of the Federation of North American Sport Horse Registries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Horse must be registered with AHS for all levels, Beginner-Novice through Advanced. ▪ Horse must be registered with USEA for all levels, Beginner-Novice through Advanced. ▪ At Preliminary through Advanced, the horse must also be recorded with USEF. ▪ AHS Certificate of Pedigree horses are eligible for AHS Eventing Year-End Awards. ▪ Show and registered name (if different) must be on file with AHS and USEA. ▪ The AHS Performance Awards Form must be completed and submitted to the AHS by September 30 of the competition year.
Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is required. ▪ USDF Participating or Business Member is required. ▪ USEF membership is optional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is required. ▪ USEF membership is required for Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced divisions. ▪ USEA membership is optional for owner, if different from rider.
Rider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is optional. ▪ USDF participating membership is required. ▪ USEF membership is optional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AHS membership is optional. ▪ USEA membership is required for all levels. ▪ USEF membership is required for all riders for Preliminary through Advanced levels.
Show Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USDF/USEF recognized competitions. Minimum number of scores varies by level but must be from at least four different judges at four different shows. ▪ Contact USDF, (859) 971-2277, for complete details on All-Breeds Awards or visit www.usdf.org. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USEA Horse Trials for Beginner Novice, Novice and Training. ▪ USEA/USEF licensed Horse Trials and Three Day Events for Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced.
Divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USDF All-Breeds Awards Program, AHS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training through Grand Prix and Freestyles, Open; 2. Training through Grand Prix, Adult Amateur, excluding Freestyle; 3. Training through Grand Prix, Junior/Young Rider (through 21 years of age), excluding Freestyle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beginner Novice Horse ▪ Novice Horse ▪ Training Horse ▪ Preliminary Horse ▪ Intermediate Horse ▪ Advanced Horse ▪ Young Event Horse: One award to the horse with the most points across the two age divisions.
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Median Score must be 60%+ for USEF levels and 60%+ for FEI levels to qualify. ▪ Training through Fourth Levels: Minimum of eight scores with two scores 60%+ from highest test of level. ▪ FEI levels: Minimum of four scores with median of 60% to qualify. ▪ USDF tracks these scores for the AHS. You must follow their eligibility rules. See current year USDF Directory for full qualifying criteria, visit www.usdf.org, or call USDF (859) 971-2277. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Awards at all levels are calculated on points earned in that competition year with the USEA. ▪ Horses must compete in a minimum of three USEF/USEA recognized events/trials to be eligible for AHS awards.
Awards Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ October 1 through September 30. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ December 1 through November 30.
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall High Score Hanoverian: Keepsake trophy. ▪ High Percentage Horse at each level: Special award. ▪ Second Place Horse at each level: Special award. ▪ First through fifth place at each level: USDF certificate and AHS ribbon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Division Champion receives a special AHS award and ribbon. ▪ Each Division Reserve Champion receives a special AHS award and ribbon.