



## SWFDA End of Year Award Requirements 2026-2027

***The following Horse/Rider Combination Year End Awards will be offered. Choose your Category(s) for your Year End Declaration from the list below (no substitutions are allowed)***

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| USDF Introductory Level Jr/Yr | USEF Fourth Level AA/Jr/Yr                            | WDAA Intro Level   |
| USDF Introductory Level AA    | USEF Fourth Level Open                                | WDAA Basic Level   |
| USEF Training Level Jr/Yr     | FEI Level AA/Jr/Yr                                    | WDAA Level 1       |
| USEF Training Level AA        | FEI Level Open                                        | WDAA Level 2       |
| USEF First Level AA or Jr/Yr  | USDF/WDAA Freestyle<br>(Training - 3rd/Intro-Level 1) | WDAA Level 3       |
| USEF First Level Open         |                                                       | WDAA Level 4       |
| USEF Second Level AA/Jr/Yr    | USDF/WDAA Freestyle<br>(4th - GP/Level 2-4)           | WDAA Level 5       |
| USEF Second Level Open        | Quadrille                                             | Leadline           |
| USEF Third Level AA/Jr/Yr     | Pas de Deux                                           | Para-Equestrian    |
| USEF Third Level Open         | Novice                                                | Junior/Young Rider |

***The following Rider Year End Awards will be offered:***

(multiple horses are allowed in no more than 2 consecutive levels)

Novice Rider                      Junior/Young Rider                      ParaEquestrian

**Novice Rider:** Any rider at any level who has never won a SWFDA Year End Award Champion or Reserve Champion at any level on any horse.

**Junior/Young Rider:** Any rider 17 years old or younger at start of season

**ParaEquestrian** - Any rider at any level with unique physical and/or developmental disabilities.

**Leadline** - Any rider (8 and under) that competes while on a leadline.

***The following Group Year End Awards will be offered:*** (horse/rider combinations must be declared with allowances made for substitutions in horse or rider at the Board of Director's discretion)

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas de Deux

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Quadrille

SWFDA Team Award

## Guidelines:

The Year End Awards are celebrated at our party in July with ribbons, trophies & prizes. There are specific requirements to be eligible - please read carefully & reach out to us with questions!

\*\* The Year End Declaration Form and applicable fees must be submitted prior to any scores being earned.

OPTION 1: Pay \$100.00 as a Silver Sponsor per Year End Declaration. *This will increase to \$110.00 AFTER Sept. 1, 2026.*

OPTION 2: Earn 8 volunteer hours per End of Year Declaration

\* After each show, the scores of all SWFDA members who submitted a declaration will be noted on a spreadsheet. It is the rider's responsibility to verify their scores are added correctly. These scores will be used to determine Champion and other placements for End of Year Awards. Scores will NOT be sent in at the end of the season by riders.

\* A copy of the inside of the test sheet 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 Awards Coordinator will determine the average score. All averages will be published at the Year End Awards Party and on the SWFDA website. All awards will be presented at the Awards Party.

\* If your declaration includes volunteer hours, it is the riders responsibility to ensure that they have logged their hours in SWFDA's Volunteer Notebook and checked the online posting for accuracy.

\* 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.

## Level Requirements:

"SWFDA Show" is any show hosted by SWFDA. For the 2026/2027 season all Alpha Dressage Association shows will also be sanctioned.

**USDF Introductory Level & Leadline:** Requires 5 scores to be averaged (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Introductory level is limited to AA and Jr/YR (no open riders)

**USEF Training Level, First Level, and Second Level:** Requires 5 scores to be averaged (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Training Level is limited to AA and Jr/YR only (no open riders)

**USEF Third Level and Fourth Level:** Requires 3 scores to be averaged (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges.

**FEI Level:** Requires 3 scores to be averaged (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores may be from any combination of FEI Levels and must be from at least 3 different judges.

**SWFDA/USDF/USEF Freestyle:** Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event)

**SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas de Deux:** Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event) Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Any substitutions must be Board approved prior to showing.

**USDF Quadrille:** Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event) Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Any substitutions must be Board approved prior to showing.

### **USEF/WDAA Western Dressage**

**Intro Level:** Requires 5 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 3 different judges.

**Basic, Level 1 & 2:** Requires 5 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 3 different judges.

**Level 3, 4, & 5:** Requires 3 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 3 different judges.

**Team Award:** The team will consist of 4 horse/rider combinations representing a minimum of 2 levels. A minimum of 2 scores (Freestyle scores are accepted) are required from each horse/rider combination with a total of 12 scores overall. (7 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Horse/rider combinations can ride in either 1 or 2 consecutive levels. The entire 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, Jr/YR, & ParaEquestrian Awards:** Requires 4 scores from SWFDA shows in any combination of levels. No Freestyle scores can be used for these awards. Placing will be determined by average score.