



SWFDA Year End Award Requirements 2025-2026

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)

USDF Introductory Level Jr/Yr	USEF Fourth Level AA or Jr/Yr	WDAA Intro Level
USDF Introductory Level AA	USEF Fourth Level Open	WDAA Basic Level
USEF Training Level Jr/Yr	FEI Level AA or 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 (Training - 3rd/Intro-Level 1)	WDAA Level 3
USEF First Level Open		WDAA Level 4
USEF Second Level AA or Jr/Yr	USDF/WDAA Freestyle (4th - GP/Level 2-4)	WDAA Level 5
USEF Second Level Open	Quadrille	Leadline
USEF Third Level AA or 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 \$55.00 per Year End Declaration. *This will increase to \$65.00 AFTER Sept. 1, 2025.*

OPTION 2: Earn 8 work (volunteer) credits per Year End Declaration

* For all SWFDA show awards all riders must submit a photocopy of the front of EACH TEST they want considered for the award. Each rider is responsible for keeping a hard copy of their score sheets. If you are using a test score for multiple awards, a copy of the test must be included for each award. Hard copies must be "in the hands of the Year End Coordinator" by April 15 of the award year. Phoning, texting, or emailing scores will **not** be accepted, Copies received after April 15 will **not** be accepted.

*The copy must include: Competition name and date, Judge's name and signature, rider's name, horse's name, and raw score and percentage

*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 work credits, a Work Credit Form must be submitted on or before April 15 of the award year with your scores. These will both be mailed to:

- Ann Watson
PO Box 511724
Punta Gorda, FL 33951

*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 2025/2026 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 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. 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.