

# Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association

## Awards Criteria 2021

### Membership

To receive any award, both the exhibitor AND the owner of the horse (FQHR and All Breed) must be WIFQHA members. WIFQHA membership runs from January to December.

Additionally, to compete in FQHR classes, the owner AND exhibitor must each have an FQHR membership. FQHR membership runs from registration month to same month 1 year later.

### Maryann McDonald Award

Maryann McDonald was an instrumental founding member of WIFQHA. She ran a meeting like she lunged a horse – with timing and take no bull attitude. Without Maryann, there most likely wouldn't be a WIFQHA today. The honor of the Maryann McDonald Award goes to the horse with the highest accumulated FQHR class points for the year who competed in at least 3 shows, regardless of who earned them on the horse (open, amateur, prime time and youth).

### Division Awards

We have 8 divisions for which awards are given. They are: FQHR Open, FQHR Amateur, FQHR Prime Time, FQHR 14-18 Youth, FQHR 13 & Under Youth, All Breed Open, All Breed 18 & Under Youth, and All Breed 5-8 Youth. To be considered for these awards, the horse must compete in at least 3 shows. Only those points accumulated in classes for the given division are totaled. In terms of FQHR Open conformation, these points are assigned to either FQHR Open or FQHR Amateur, whichever the person/horse is competing in. FQHR Youth conformation classes can only be added to the appropriate FQHR youth division points, not the FQHR open conformation classes. All Breed conformation points apply to either open or youth divisions in all breed. Awards are given to the highest points - grand and second highest points - reserve horse for each division.

### Grand and Reserve Halter Awards

Awards are given to the FQHR grand and reserve mares, geldings and stallions. These points are totaled from at least 3 shows worth of points for each horse. The grand horse for each show receives 2 more points than the highest attended gender class. The reserve horse receives 1 more point than the highest attended gender class.

For example at the June show let's say:

Yearling mares – 2 horses compete

2-3 year old mares – 4 horses compete

4-10 year old mares – 15 horses compete

11 and Up mares – 3 horses compete

Broodmares – 0 horses compete

The grand mare is from the 11 and up class. So instead of receiving only 3 points (for getting first in that 3 horse class), the horse receives 17 points since the highest attended class in that gender has 15 horses in it. So the grand mare receives 17 points and the reserve mare receives 16 points no matter which FQHR mare class they competed in.

At the end of the show year, the total points are added up if they showed in at least 3 shows. The highest point is FQHR Grand Mare for the year and the second highest point is FQHR Reserve Mare for the year. There is no tie breaker if there is a tie, they both receive that award.

### **High Point Mare, Gelding and Stallion Awards**

There are 3 horses, one mare, one gelding, and one stallion that grace the covers of the WIFQHA directory. Those horses are determined by the highest FQHR points earned during the show year. Any rider or combination of riders can contribute to the FQHR points that are added up for a horse. The horse that goes on the front cover of the directory is determined by drawing straws at the banquet. The other two horse photos go on the back cover of the directory.

### **Class Winners**

The class winners are determined by if the exhibitor showed in at least 3 shows for the year in that class and has the highest total points for the year in that particular class. If there is a tie, there is no tie breaker, they both win. The class awards apply to both FQHR and All Breed classes. Some horses win a single class and some horses win multiple classes. Awards are given to all class winners regardless of the number of classes they win, regardless of if they are FQHR or All Breed classes. However, a five class winner would receive an award that is worth more than a single class winner award. There are no reserve class winners, only the highest point class winner.