

Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association

Awards Criteria 2024

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, or youth).

Division Awards

We have 7 divisions for which awards are given. They are:

FQHR Open

FQHR Amateur

FQHR 14-18 Youth

FQHR 13 & Under Youth

Open

Open 18 & Under Youth

Open 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. Open conformation points apply to either open or open youth divisions. Awards are given to the highest points (grand) and second highest points (reserve) horse for each division.

FQHR 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

11 and Up mares – 3 horses

2-3 year old mares – 4 horses

Broodmares – 0 horses

4-10 year old mares – 15 horses

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.

FQHR 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 cover of the directory is determined by drawing straws.

Class Winners

The class winners are determined by if the exhibitor showed in at least 3 shows for the year and 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 Open 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 Open 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.

Volunteer Awards

Those who have volunteered throughout the year for various projects and duties outside paid positions are voted on by the Board of Directors to receive an award. Without volunteers, our shows would not be possible. We would love to give out many volunteer awards each year!

Membership

To receive any award, both the exhibitor AND the owner of the horse (FQHR and Open) 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 12 months later.