



# USEF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE APPLICATION

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The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) acknowledges that many high school equestrian athletes are not currently recognized by their school athletic programs unless their equestrian team is directly associated with the high school at the varsity level. In many cases, organized programs at the high school level do not exist and many young equestrians do not have a team or club in their area. Yet, the equestrian athlete dedicates as much, if not more, time preparing for competition as does any other athlete in a high school program. Additionally, the time commitment required of equestrian athletes often precludes them from participating in other high school varsity sports programs. As the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport, USEF has created a program to recognize young equestrians' accomplishments and to support their future involvement in the sport.

In addition to providing recognition consistent with other high school varsity programs, the USEF honors these equestrian athletes not only for honing their individual skills while training and competing, but perhaps more importantly, for fostering the unique and often challenging human-to-animal connection required to create and sustain the teamwork and mutual respect required of a successful equestrian athlete/equine combination; thereby recognizing and rewarding their efforts in the unique and unparalleled team sport of Equestrian.



## THE FOLLOWING IS THE REQUISITE CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION WITHIN THIS PROGRAM:

1. Current USEF member in good standing – either Competing or Non-Competing membership status is acceptable.
2. Eligibility term: Annually, commencing June 1-May 31
3. Current enrollment in high school or verified/certified home schooling program, grade 9-12.
4. Complete at least 100 hours\* of equestrian practice/training (riding, driving or vaulting) per year (including time spent riding, driving or vaulting in competition). \*Hours must be within current eligibility term, and can't be retroactive after completion of a term.
5. Compete in at least two (2) USEF-Licensed/Endorsed Competitions per year, or at least five (5) competitions affiliated with, or sanctioned by a horse show association. (Results to be included with submission of log and other required materials at end of term.)

