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.)

- 1. Complete enrollment application below.
- 2. Submit application along with processing fee.
- 3. Practice / training / competition log will be sent to applicant.
- 4. Track above information throughout the year.

Card Holder's Signature\_

- 5. Submit log, results and competition verification form (if applicable) and current transcripts by June 15\* of the term year.

  \*If the required number of hours is completed prior to June 15, applicants are encouraged to submit materials early.
- 6. Initial year: receives High School Equestrian Athlete Shield (letter), current year pin and certificate. Each additional year: receives 2nd, 3rd or 4th pin and certificate.

	PERSONAL INFORMATION		
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL		
USEF MEMBERSHIP NUMBER			
PRIMARY BREED	PRIMARY DISCIPLINE		
BIRTHDATE	GRADE LEVEL	GPA	
HIGH SCHOOL / HOME SCHOOLING PROGRAM			
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL		
EQUESTRIAN CLUB / TEAM NAME (IF APPLICABLE)			
WOULD YOU LIKE USEF TO NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL OF YO	OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM? YES NO		
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	PARENT SIGNATURE		
\$10 APPLICATION FEE MUST BE INCLUDED V	VITH APPLICATION		
UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION : 404	7 IRON WORKS PARKWAY : LEXINGTON, KY 40511 : 859.25	8.2472 : FAX 859.231.	6662 : WWW.USEF.OF
	PAYMENT INFORMATION (Do not detach) ENTER AMOUNT FROM ABOVE		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \( \bigcup \)			
PAYMENT METHOD (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH) Make	Check Payable to: United States Equestrian Federation		
CHECK # We als	o accept Visa AMEX or MasterCard		
Card Number:		Exp. Date:	
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