

# HDS Schooling Show Awards

## High Point Awards

Each HDS-approved Schooling Show will award high point medals for both the Junior and Amateur divisions, for riders who fall into 2 categories (4 medals total per show):

- Training level through Prix St. Georges tests
- Intro level, as well as Prix Caprilli, Western Dressage, and USEA tests

Riders must be registered HDS members to receive a high-point medal. Riders may register as an HDS member on or before the day of the competition to be eligible. The high point medals are based on a single score.

## Year-End Awards

HDS Year-End Awards are given to the riders with the highest average score and reserve highest score at each level. The awards are split into divisions as follows:

- Intro-Second level: Awarded separately for Open, Amateur, and Junior divisions
- Freestyles: Awarded based on highest average score at a given level, regardless of division
- Prix Caprilli, Western Dressage, USEA: Awarded based on highest average score, regardless of division or level

In order to be eligible for HDS year-end awards, the following criteria must be met:

- **Both** horse and rider must be registered as members of HDS. The application for membership may be found online at <http://houstondressagesociety.org>
- Schooling Show year-end awards are based on the average of the highest three (3) scores under three (3) different judges earned at HDS-approved schooling shows during the competition year, which begins with

the open show of the HDS Schooling Show Championships and ends with the last HDS-approved schooling show prior to the Championships. Championship class scores are not applicable toward year-end awards, only those received from open show rides. Scores may be submitted from any test at a given level.

- *New for 2017:* Riders are no longer required to submit their scores in order to be eligible for year-end awards. Schooling show riders also *do not* have a volunteer hour requirement (still required for Recognized Show awards)

## **Rider Certificates**

Rider Achievement Certificates are awarded at the end of the competition year, which begins with the open show of the HDS Schooling Show Championships and ends with the last HDS-approved schooling show prior to the Championships, **by request** if a rider meets the following criteria:

- Premium Rider Achievement Certificates will be awarded to riders who have earned three (3) scores of 70% or higher in HDS-approved Schooling Shows per level during the competition year
- Rider Achievement Certificates will be awarded to riders who have earned three (3) scores of 60% or higher in HDS-approved Schooling Shows per level during the competition year
- Riders must be HDS members to receive a certificate. To request a certificate, please email the HDS Schooling Show Chair at:  
**[schoolingshows@houstondressagesociety.org](mailto:schoolingshows@houstondressagesociety.org)**

Certificates are awarded at the HDS year-end awards ceremony.

## **Burnis Foy Award**

This award is given in honor of Burnis Foy, a founding member of HDS. Burnis competed off-the-track thoroughbreds, and this award will be given to the Adult Amateur with the highest score competing an off-the-track thoroughbred at HDS Schooling Shows during the competition year. In order to be eligible, the rider must be an HDS member and must notify the Schooling Show Chair of their eligibility by submitting proof of the horse's race record and their highest score received at an HDS-approved schooling show.

### **HDS Joe R. Bushager Memorial Grants**

On July 11, 1989, the Houston Dressage Society established the Joe R. Bushager Memorial Grant to encourage talented, promising and dedicated riders in their pursuit of training in Dressage. Traditional avenues of training such as clinics and intensive work with recognized experts as well as unique competition experience are viewed as appropriate, but not limiting activities. The scholarship is intended for any activity involving both horse and rider (the applicant) that will make a significant impact on the horse/rider's level of understanding of the principles of dressage as well as their level of achievement.

The goal of the Grant shall be to award at least one \$500 scholarship each fiscal year. Funding for the Grant shall come from \$5.00 of each Horse/Rider registration. These funds shall be placed in an interest bearing money account. Any funds in excess of those required for the annual scholarship shall remain in said account to be applied to future additional and/or larger scholarships at the discretion of the HDS Board. Should HDS become defunct, the monies in the account shall be donated to USDF Region 9 for use as scholarships for Young Riders competing in National Competitions.

Applications will be accepted from September 15 through December 31 for the following year's Grant. The Grantee shall be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Applicants will be notified of their status prior to the Banquet.

Additional application information:

<http://houstondressagesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Bushager-Grant-Guidelines-and-Application-to-2018.pdf>

### **Region 9 Youth Schooling Show Challenge**

A customized certificate featuring all five Region 9 states with the Youth's state highlighted will be e-mailed at no cost. In addition, an embroidered patch can be purchased for \$15 if desired.

#### Requirements:

- Region 9 Youth are eligible for one certificate per level per year (December 1-November 30)
- Must be under 21 during the current membership year in which scores were earned
- Must be a current member of a Region 9 Group Member Organization (GMO) or live in Region 9 and be a member of a GMO in another region if that GMO is closer to the youth's home.
- Scores must be earned in one membership year
- Scores may be earned on one or multiple horses per level
- Four (4) minimum scores from schooling shows only with at least one score being from the highest test of the level from three different judges (L graduate or above)
- Levels and minimum scores: Intro 64% Training 62% 1st 60% 2nd and above 58%

How to apply: Send copies of front of each test showing Youth name, date, location, score, and judge's signature to the Region 9 Youth Programs representative. The tests must be from schooling shows, not recognized shows. The tests

can either be sent by mail or scanned and e-mailed. A separate form must be sent for each level achieved. Contact information for the Region 9 Youth Programs representative can be found on the Region 9 webpage [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org). If a patch is desired, send a check payable to Region 9 Youth Fund to the Region 9 Youth Program representative along with the application. Please send application by December 31 or notify the Region 9 Youth Programs representative if application will be coming shortly afterwards.

Application: <http://arkansasdressage.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Region9YouthSchoolingShowChallenge.pdf>

### **Additional Awards Opportunities**

<http://houstondressagesociety.org/education/scholarships/>