



# 2018 WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL

## ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

*These Awards are sponsored by the Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc. in cooperation with the Midwest Horse Fair®. Nominations may be submitted by clubs, associations, or individuals.*

**Horseperson of The Year Award** is based on contributions to Wisconsin's equine industry as a whole, or in any specific area such as: youth activities, education, research, industry promotion, related legislation and regulation, trails, other equine events, or activities.

- ✦ Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

**Special Achievement Award** is based on a major accomplishment in the equine industry.

- ✦ Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** is based on a lifetime of service to the equine industry.

- ✦ Preference given to any person who has devoted at least 25 years to the equine industry.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

**Judge of the Year** is based on the integrity, diversity of knowledge, sportsmanship, willingness to accept and continually strive for greater knowledge of various breeds and disciplines at open shows.

**Equine of the Year** is to recognize the horses, ponies, donkeys, mules or any equine who have enriched the life of one or more humans or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines and is awarded to the owner of the horse and is based on merit and voted on by District members. Once each District has chosen their winner, the WHC Board of Directors decides the state Equine of the Year.

- ✦ Nominated equine must be a living resident of Wisconsin.
- ✦ Owner must be a current Wisconsin Horse Council member and a resident of Wisconsin.
- ✦ A completed District Equine of the Year Award Nomination Form, one (1) clear, color photo of the nominated equine (5x7 or 8x10), and an essay containing 250 words or less describing how the nominated equine has enriched the life of one or more people through outstanding training, contributions or accomplishments or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines must be received on or before December 1, 2017.

*Awards will be presented to the winners at the Wisconsin Horse Council Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 22, 2018 during the Midwest Horse Fair®.*

Nomination forms can be accessed at [www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org) under the "Programs" & then "Annual Awards" tabs or by contacting the WHC Office at [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

All Nominations are due by January 10th with the exception of Equine of the Year which is due to the appropriate District President by December 1, 2017.