Award and Bursary Information



LDA Year End Awards

To be eligible, a horse/rider combination must compete at the same level in a minimum of 3 LDA competitions, in one competition season.

Highest 3 scores are averaged

Champion awarded at minimum 60% average

Reserve awarded at minimum 55% average

Champion and Reserve will be awarded for each class level, at Bronze and Silver. Technical Tests only.

Individual Show High Point Award

Four awards will be given at each show. The award will be given to one member from each category: Lead line, introductory (walk/trot), training and first level, and second level and up. This prize will be given to the three members who obtain the highest score at each show. The prizes will be available to the winners at the next show.

Team Challenge

Teams of 3 or 4 horse/rider combinations are invited to enter by the close of the July 16th show. There will be no duplication of a horse or a rider on the same team. The top 3 scores from each show from the top three riders on each team will be used to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed teams. Those interested, who do not have a team, may leave their name at the registration desk and a team will be provided. Note: Lead line excluded

Perfect 8 Award

This award, initiated by the LDA, is meant to recognize excellence in riding. This award goes to any LDA member who achieves an 8 (eight) as the collective score for the rider (Rider's position and seat or Rider's correct and effective use of the aids) on any level test at an LDA show during the season. Only one award per rider per season will be awarded. Riders need to submit proof of their "perfect score", a photo of the test sheet, to the LDA.

Silver Senior, Silver Junior, Bronze Senior, Bronze Junior Rider Awards

Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest cumulative score from their three best tests from their respective divisions. The rider/horse combination must show in at least two technical tests in each of their three shows.

Musical Freestyle Award

For any rider/horse combination with the highest average freestyle score from 3 LDA shows at any level Freestyle test excluding FEI. A Champion and a Reserve Champion will be awarded. (That is, different levels of freestyle can be combined and there is only one award.)

Masters Award (for Adult Amateurs) - Sponsored by Lynn Young

For a horse/Adult Amateur rider combination where the rider is age 45 and up and has competed in at least two shows this season. The best three scores at any level (including Freestyles) will be averaged. Open to Silver and Bronze competitors.

Annual Martha Blackburn Memorial Pas De Deux Challenge

The Pas De Deux, a musical freestyle with two horses, is designed to encourage riders at all levels. The Martha Blackburn Memorial Pas De Deux award is presented to the team with the highest score in the Pas De Deux at any level during the season.