



Morgan Dressage Association Awards of Excellence

Morgan Dressage Association Awards of Excellence are given to registered Morgans who have the five highest averages of two scores at each level in United States Dressage Federation recognized competitions, who earn the highest average of two scores in one of three divisions in Musical Freestyle, or who earn the highest score in one of four divisions in Sport Horse Breeding classes during the competition year (November 1st through October 31st).

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL AWARDS (TRAINING THROUGH GRAND PRIX):

The top five horses/riders in each level (Open and Junior/Young Rider) will receive a certificate honoring their achievement, with the top horse/rider (highest average score) receiving a special award. In addition, an award will be given to the top adult amateur rider at each level. Awards will be given in both an Open and Junior/Young Rider division (a competitor is a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the calendar year in which he or she reaches age 21).

To qualify, the horse must be an AMHA registered Morgan. To be eligible for the special adult amateur or Junior/Young Rider awards, the **rider must be a MDA member**. To participate in the Open or Sport Horse breeding divisions, **either the rider/handler or owner** (not both) must be a MDA member. The following must be submitted:

- Two scores in the level from two different judges from tests in USDF recognized dressage competitions.
- At least one of the scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level.
- Not more than one of the scores may come from a Morgan breed horse show.
- Morgan shows that offer a dressage division that is open to all breeds may count as an open show. You must note that the division is open on the entry form.
- Scores may come from a single open competition, two open competitions or one open competition and one breed competition.
- The two scores will be averaged for the final score.
- To qualify for an award at each level, the average of the two scores must meet or exceed 55%.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE AWARDS (THREE DIVISIONS):

- First and Second Levels
- Third and Fourth Levels
- FEI

Awards are given first through fifth, with a special award for first place. To qualify, the horse must be an AMHA registered Morgan and the **owner OR rider** must be a member of the MDA and should submit:

- Two scores from two different judges in USDF/USEF recognized dressage competitions.
- Not more than one of the scores may come from a Morgan breed show.
- Scores may come from a single open competition, two open competitions or one open competition and one breed competition.
- Morgan shows that offer a dressage division that is open to all breeds may count as an open show. You must note that the division is open on the entry form.
- The two scores will be averaged for the final score.
- To qualify for an award, the average of the two scores must meet or exceed 55%.
- Competitors may mix levels within a single division, i.e. one score could be from first level and a second score from second level to qualify for the First and Second Level division. However, competitors may not mix scores from levels outside that division (i.e. they may not use a score from Second Level and a score from Third Level to qualify for either the First/Second Level division or the Third/Fourth Level division.
- The owner or the rider (not necessarily both) must be a member of the Morgan Dressage Association.

DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING AWARDS (FOUR DIVISIONS):

- Young Horse (3 and under) Colts/Geldings and Fillies
- Stallions 4 and over
- Mares 4 and over
- Geldings 4 and over

Awards are given First through Fifth place, with a special award for First place. To qualify, the horse must be an AMHA registered Morgan and the **owner OR handler** must be a member of the MDA and should submit:

- One score earned from a USEF/USDF recognized Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Division/Show, Open or Individual Breed Class.
- Sport Horse Suitability or in-hand classes at Morgan Breed Shows **do not** qualify.
- To qualify for an award, the score must meet or exceed 58%.

TO APPLY:

1. Fill out the MDA Award of Excellence Application **completely and legibly** for **each** division submitted. (Make a copy of the form if more than two divisions/levels are entered; e.g. if you are entering for Individual and Musical Freestyle, a separate application must be submitted for each division).
2. Make a copy of the outside of the score sheets, making sure that the test cover includes the judge's name, judge's signature, competition name, date of the competition, horse's name, rider's name and test score. Alternatively, a copy of an official USDF Scores Check Sheet with the scores you wish to enter for the MDA Awards circled or highlighted will suffice for an entry.
3. Send both (the application AND outside copy test /USDF Scores Check Sheet) to address on the application.

Remember, to qualify for **any** Award of Excellence the **owner OR the rider/handler** (as described above for each category) **MUST** be a current member of the Morgan Dressage Association at the time the entry is submitted. Additionally, to participate in the Junior/Young Rider division or for the Adult Amateur award, the **rider MUST be a MDA member**. If you have any question as to your membership status or need your membership number, please contact Karin Weight at kweight84601@yahoo.com (preferred) or call (801) 377-4180. Entries from non-members will not be eligible and will be returned.

To be considered for the award, all entries MUST be postmarked or received electronically by November 1st of the competition year (forms can be sent at any time during the year).

***For multiple entries, download or copy the application form from
www.morgandressage.org.***



Awards of Excellence Application

2013 Competition Year
(November 1, 2012 – October 31, 2013)

HORSE INFORMATION:

Horse's Registered Name: _____ AMHA Reg. # _____

Age (Year born): _____ Gender (circle one): M S G Color: _____

Height: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

MDA member? (circle one) Yes No If yes, Membership number _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

RIDER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

MDA member? (circle one) Yes No If yes, Membership number _____

Amateur Rider? (circle one) Yes No Junior/YR? Yes No Birthdate _____

(To be eligible for special adult amateur or Jr/YR awards, the rider must be an MDA member)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Printed name of person submitting scores: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Person who should be notified of awards: _____

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INDIVIDUAL LEVEL AWARDS:

Level for which you are submitting scores: _____ Score from the **highest test** of the Level: _____

First Score:

Name of Competition: _____ USDF #: _____

Location: City: _____ State: _____ Morgan Show? Yes No

If a Morgan Show, was the dressage division open to all breeds? Yes No

Judge's Name: _____ Date: _____

Level: _____ Test number: _____ Score (Percentage): _____

Second Score:

Name of Competition: _____ USDF #: _____

Location: City: _____ State: _____ Morgan Show? Yes No

If a Morgan Show, was the dressage division open to all breeds? Yes No

Judge's Name: _____ Date: _____

Level: _____ Test number: _____ Score (Percentage): _____

Average of two scores: _____ *(Add the scores and divide by 2. The average must meet or exceed 55%)*

MUSICAL FREESTYLE AWARDS:

Division - Check One: _____ First/Second Level _____ Third/Fourth Level _____ FEI

First Score:

Name of Competition: _____ USDF #: _____

Location: City: _____ State: _____ Morgan Show? Yes No

If a Morgan Show, was the dressage division open to all breeds? Yes No

Judge's Name: _____ Date: _____

Level: _____ Test number: _____ Score (Percentage): _____

Second Score:

Name of Competition: _____ USDF #: _____

Location: City: _____ State: _____ Morgan Show? Yes No

If a Morgan Show, was the dressage division open to all breeds? Yes No

Judge's Name: _____ Date: _____

Level: _____ Test number: _____ Score (Percentage): _____

Average of two scores: _____ *(Add the scores and divide by 2. The average must meet or exceed 55%)*

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DRESSAGE BREEDING:

Division - Check One:

_____ Young Horse (3 years and under, any gender) _____ Stallions 4 years and older
_____ Mares 4 years and older _____ Geldings 4 years and older

Name of Competition: _____ USDF # _____

Class name: _____

Location: City: _____ State: _____

Judge's Name: _____ Date: _____

Score (Percentage): _____ (*The score must meet or exceed 58%*)

Please complete this form and enclose a **COPY** of the outside of your tests **or** USDF scores check sheet with the scores highlighted and submit them to:

MDA Awards of Excellence
Morgan Dressage Association c/o Diana Wold
1515 S. Federal Hwy., Suite 201
Boca Raton, FL 33432

All applications must be POSTMARKED by November 1 of the competition year to be eligible for the award. Applications that are incomplete or if either the owner and/or rider/handler are not a MDA member **will not be accepted and will be returned.**

Please complete the checklist below:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- _____ Application is legible, complete with all information included.
- _____ All scores are from USDF/USEF recognized competitions.
- _____ Copies of appropriate tests covers **or** USDF Scores check sheets included.
- _____ For individual level or musical freestyle awards, at least one score is from an open competition.
- _____ Breeding class score is from a USDF recognized Sport Horse Breeding Competition and is from an eligible class (the horse is judged individually and on the triangle).
- _____ Membership is current for the owner or rider/handler and membership number is included. (To be eligible for Junior or Amateur rider awards, the **rider** must be a MDA member).
- _____ Application is postmarked no later than November 1st of the competition year.