



Morgan Dressage Association Schooling/Morgan Show Awards of Excellence

The Morgan Dressage Association is proud to recognize its member's accomplishments and offers year-end awards to members who compete in all individual levels of dressage, musical freestyle, and paradressage at schooling shows or Morgan breed dressage shows. All award-winning competitors will receive a champion ribbon and will be listed on the MDA website and in the MDA newsletter. Rules, regulations and requirements of the awards are listed below. Good luck!

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL AWARDS, MUSICAL FREESTYLE AWARDS AND PARADRESSAGE SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS

The Individual, Freestyle, and Para MDA Schooling/Morgan show Awards are all subject to the following rules and requirements:

- **Three separate scores earned from three different judges**
- Judges should be at least USDF (or equivalent nationally governing equestrian organization) L graduates (www.usdf.org/about/contact/graduates.asp)
- At least one of the scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level.
- The three scores will be averaged to calculate the final score.
- **A horse and rider combination can be awarded a first place at the same level up to two times total in the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Awards of Excellence program at Introductory through Fourth Level. FEI level and Para-Equestrian Schooling/Morgan Show Awards may be won by the same horse/rider at the same level indefinitely.**
- All riders, handlers and owners must be competing with AMHA registered Morgans (or a recognized international registry with AMHA reciprocity).
- Non US riders please submit copies of tests for the level you're entering so we can verify they're equivalent to the USDF level entered.
- The MDA competition year is November 1st through October 31st.

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS (INTRODUCTORY THROUGH GRAND PRIX)

The top five horse and riders at each level will receive a certificate honoring their achievement and winners will receive a champion ribbon. Awards will be given in the Open division which is awarded to the highest scoring horse, and to Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Riders (a competitor is a Junior/Young Rider until the end of the calendar year in which he or she reaches age 21). As well as being subject to the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Award Rules and Regulations, the following rules apply to Individual Schooling/Morgan Show Awards applicants:

- The Adult Amateur or Junior/Young Rider must be a current MDA member.
- The Open division owner or rider (not both) must be a current MDA member.
- The average of the scores submitted must meet or exceed 60% for Introductory through Fourth level.
- The average of the scores submitted must meet or exceed 55% for FEI level competitors.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS (THREE DIVISIONS: FIRST/SECOND, THIRD/FOURTH AND FEI)

The top five horse and riders at each level will receive a certificate honoring their achievement and winners will receive a champion ribbon. As well as being subject to the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Awards Rules and Regulations, the following rules apply to Musical Freestyle Schooling/Morgan Show Award applicants:

- 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 divisions. 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 of the horse (not both) must be a current MDA member.
- The average of the scores submitted must meet or exceed 60% for First through Fourth level.
- The average of the scores submitted must meet or exceed 55% for FEI level competitors.

PARA-DRESSAGE SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS (ONE DIVISION INCLUDING GRADES 1-4)

The top five horses and riders will receive a certificate honoring their achievement and winners will receive a champion ribbon. As well as being subject to the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Award Rules and Regulations, the following rules apply to Para-Dressage Schooling/Morgan Show Awards applicants:

- The owner or the rider of the horse (not both) must be a current MDA member.
- Only one score submitted can be an Introductory test
- The average of the scores submitted must meet or exceed 55%

TO APPLY FOR SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS

1. Fill out the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show 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. Submit copies/photos of test cover sheets for all your tests listed with each application. **It is your responsibility to have the schooling/Morgan show organizers fill out the test cover sheet for you complete with your name, your horse's name, judges name and signature, date, show name and final score.**
3. Send both (the application AND the copies/photos of test cover sheets) to the address on the application by November 1st of the competition year.

*Remember, All eligible horses **MUST** be registered with the AMHA (or a recognized international registry with AMHA reciprocity). To qualify for a Schooling/Morgan Show Award of Excellence the owner **OR** the rider/handler (as described above) **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 Schooling/Morgan Show Award, the rider **MUST** be an MDA member. If you have any question as to your membership status, refer to the on-line member directory or contact Emily Laine at morgandressage@yahoo.com. Entries from non-members will not be eligible and will be returned.

To be considered for the Schooling/Morgan Show 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-and-scholarships.



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Dedicated to promoting and supporting Morgan Horses in dressage.

COMPETITION YEAR: _____

Schooling/Morgan Show Awards of Excellence Application

2023 Competition Year (November 1st, 2022—October 31st, 2023)

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 Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Rider/Handler Information:

Name: _____

MDA member*? (circle one) Yes No Amateur Rider*? (circle one) Yes No

Junior/Young Rider*? (circle one) Yes No Birthdate _____

To be eligible for Adult Amateur or Jr/YR schooling/Morgan show 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: _____

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS:

Level for which you are submitting scores: _____

First Score (Please complete this first score with information from the highest test of the level):

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Second Score:

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Third Score:

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Average of three scores: _____ (add the scores and divided by 3). The average must meet or exceed 60% for Introductory through Fourth Level, and 55% for FEI levels.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS:

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

First Score

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Second Score:

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Third Score:

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Average of three scores: _____ (add the scores and divide by 3). The average must meet or exceed 60% for First through Fourth levels, and 55% for FEI levels.

PARA-DRESSAGE SCHOOLING/MORGAN SHOW AWARDS:

First Score

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Grade _____ Test name _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Second Score

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Grade _____ Test name _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Third Score:

Name of Competition _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Judge's Name _____ Date _____

Level _____ Test number _____ Score (Percentage) _____

Average of three scores: _____ (add the scores and divided by 3). The average must meet or exceed 60%

Please complete this form and enclose a COPY of the **test cover sheets complete with your name, your horse's name, judges name and signature, date, show name and final score.**

MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Awards of Excellence
Morgan Dressage Association c/o Josephine Trott
7639 Becker Rd
Davis CA 95618

Or apply electronically to: secretary@morgandressage.org

All applications must be POSTMARKED or emailed by November 1 of the competition year to be eligible.

Applications that are incomplete, or if the owner, rider, or handler is not a current MDA member will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION CHECKLIST BELOW:

- ✓ Application is legible and complete with all information.
- ✓ Include copies/photos of test cover sheets that have your name, your horse's name, judges name and signature, date, show name and final score.
- ✓ MDA membership is current for the rider, handler and/or owner as required in each division.
- ✓ Application is post marked or emailed no later than November 1st of the competition year.