



Morgan Dressage Association Schooling/Morgan Show End of Year Awards

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)
- 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 End of Year awards 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 ribbons. 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.
- At least one of the scores submitted must be from the highest test of the level.
- 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 ribbons. 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.

- **A horse and rider combination can be awarded a first place at the same freestyle level up to two times total in the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Awards of Excellence program at First through Fourth Level. Eg You can win twice riding First Level freestyles and twice riding at Second level in the First/Second level division. FEI level Freestyle Awards may be won by the same horse/rider indefinitely.**
- 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 ribbons. 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. Apply [online](#) fill out the MDA Schooling/Morgan Show Award of Excellence application **completely AND legibly** for **each** division submitted
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. Either complete online application or email/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.
4. If submitting online or by email (mda@morgandressage.org), please also submit a photo of you and your Morgan that we can use for award announcements.

*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 or Adult Amateur division 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 memberships@morgandressage.org. 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 submitted online (<https://forms.gle/SemuNYjAMkzv7Rns6>), postmarked or received electronically by November 1st of the competition year (forms can be submitted at any time during the year).