



2026-2027 YEDA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Nominations Due: January 31, 2027

The YEDA Hall of Fame Inductee Award recognizes individuals and equine partners whose exceptional contributions have shaped and strengthened the Youth Equestrian Development Association—developing tomorrow's equine professionals today. This honor celebrates nominees who embody the mission of YEDA through service, leadership, horsemanship, mentorship, and meaningful support of the YEDA community.

Human inductees should exemplify YEDA's Core Values of *Sportsmanship, Honor, Opportunity, Work, Youth, Education, Dedication, and Appreciation* in all areas of their involvement. Eligible nominees may include—but are not limited to—coaches, alumni, donors, entities, volunteers, YEDA staff, and judges.

Equine inductees specifically honor outstanding competition horses that have demonstrated reliability, safety, versatility, and exceptional impact within YEDA's draw-format environment. Together, these honorees represent the values and spirit that continue to guide and inspire YEDA's mission.

Eligibility

- Nominated by an adult/youth current or former YEDA member in good standing
- Only one nomination per year per nominator (nomination will roll over for 3 years)
- Complete nomination packet submitted before the deadline
- Horse must have served as a draw mount at sanctioned YEDA shows
- Owner Consent: Required
- Good Standing: Horse, owner, and nominator are in good standing with YEDA.

Nomination Packet – Required Materials

1. Completed nomination form
2. Narrative statement
3. Testimonials (1–3)
4. Optional photos/video

Application Submission

Option 1: Online Submission of Google Form. Testimonials can be typed directly into the form or shared as a Google Doc/Drive link. <https://forms.gle/z1RUarAdPpp97tR39>

Option 2: Complete the nomination form as a Word, Google, or PDF document and submit it using one of the following methods:

- Email: Send the completed application to Ric Weitzel at rwietzel@showyeda.com
- Mail: Send the completed application packet to:
Ric Weitzel: 11911 Leavitt Rd, Oberlin, OH 44074

Freely edit as you are comfortable Sections 5–7. Supporting evidence may be included within the document, scanned into the application, or enclosed with mailed submission materials.



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Section 1: Nominator Information

Nominator Name (First & Last): _____

Nominator Email: _____

Nominator Status (check one):

- ☐ Current YEDA Member
☐ Past YEDA Member
☐ Other: _____

YEDA Team / Program Affiliation (if none, write "none"): _____

Nominator Phone Number:

_____ + _____

Relationship to Nominee:

Section 2: Nominee Type

This nomination is for (check one):

- ☐ Person (Skip page 4)
☐ Equine (Skip page 3)



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Section 3: Nominee Information – PERSON

(Complete this section only if nominating a person)

Nominee Name (First & Last): _____

Nominee's Team / Program Affiliation: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____

Years Acquainted with Nominee: _____



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Section 4: Nominee Information – EQUINE

(Complete this section only if nominating a horse)

Registered Name: _____

Barn Name: _____

Breed / Age / Height: _____ Sex: _____

Primary Owner / Agent: _____

Owner Email: _____ Owner Phone #: _____

Home Barn / Program: _____

Primary Divisions: _____

Divisions Served: _____

Years of Involvement with YEDA: _____

YEDA Shows Attended: _____

Approximate Number of Draw Rides Provided:



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*Minor formatting adjustments to Sections 5–7 are permitted to allow for complete responses.
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enclosed with mailed or emailed submission materials.*

Section 5: Statement of Merit and Impact

Narrative Statement

Please provide a summary highlighting the nominee's contributions, impact, and merit for induction into the YEDA Hall of Fame. *(You may continue on additional pages if needed.)*

Section 6: Supporting Testimonials (1–3 Required)

Testimonials may be submitted in one of the following ways:

These can be scanned in, emailed, or written in this area of the application. If they are scanned or emailed, please have it be clearly labeled which application it accompanies.

(You may continue on additional pages if needed.)

Section 7: Optional Supporting Media (Optional)

You may include photos or video links that help support this nomination. Hard copies will not be returned.

Section 8: Acknowledgement & Signature

By signing below, I confirm that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please email the completed application and testimonials to:

Youth Equestrian Development Association

Attn: Hall of Fame Committee

Email: rweitzel@showyeda.com

Mail: 11911 Leavitt Rd, Oberlin, OH 44074

