American Rhineland Studbook Awards Program 2019 - Eligibility Criteria

- Rhineland horses compete in their own division in the USDF All-Breed awards in dressage. **All other awards categories** are combined with eligible Hanoverian horses.
- To be eligible for awards, the owner of the horse must be a current American Hanoverian Society, Inc. (AHS) member (Active, Regular, Associate, Junior or Life) as of July 30 of the competition year; and the horse must be properly recorded with the American Rhineland Studbook (ARS) in the current owner’s name.
- Owners of horses competing in hunters, jumpers and/or eventing MUST complete and submit the ARS Performance Awards Form to the AHS office by September 30 of the competition year. The Performance Awards Form is available on the AHS and ARS websites, www.hanoverian.org or www.rhineland.org; or through the AHS office, (859) 255-4141.
- Horses with an ARS Certificate of Pedigree (CP) are eligible for the combined AHS/ARS Year-End Awards in performance divisions only (dressage; hunters; jumpers; eventing). CP horses are NOT eligible for AHS/ARS Year-End Awards in Sport Horse Breeding.

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<td><strong>Special Notes</strong></td>
<td>These awards are determined by AHS rules, not USDF, so standings may differ slightly. AHS/ARS does not offer DSHB awards through the USDF All-Breeds Program.</td>
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| **Horse** | • Horse must be registered (pink papers) or eligible for registration (in the case of foals or weanlings) with ARS.  
• ARS Certificate of Pedigree horses are NOT eligible for ARS Sport Horse Breeding Year-End Awards.  
• Horse must be registered with USDF.  
• All horses must have a USDF HID or a lifetime USDF number (preferred) to show.  
• Show name and registered name (if different) must be recorded with ARS. | • Horse must be registered with ARS.  
• Horse must be lifetime registered with USEF or have paid the USEF Annual Horse Recording Fee at the time the scores are earned.  
• ARS Certificate of Pedigree horses are eligible for ARS Hunter and Jumper Year-End Awards.  
• Show and registered name (if different) must be recorded with ARS and USEF.  
• The ARS Performance Awards Form must be completed and submitted to the AHS/ARS by September 30 of the competition year. |
| **Owner** | • AHS membership is required.  
• USEF membership is optional.  
• USDF membership: If the owner is not a USDF GMO member or a USDF Participating member, the owner must apply for and receive a USDF Non Member ID number in order to show in USDF DSHB shows. Owners having solely a USDF Non Member ID number or solely a GMO membership are not eligible for USDF-sponsored awards; owners will be eligible only for ARS awards. | • AHS membership is required.  
• USEF membership is required. |
| **Rider/Handler** | • AHS membership is optional.  
• USDF membership is optional.  
• USEF membership is optional. | • AHS membership is optional.  
• USEF membership is required. |
| **Show Requirements** | • USEF/USDF recognized Sport Horse Breeding Classes. | • USEF licensed Hunter/Jumper Shows. |
| **Divisions** | • One Overall Young Horse Champion and Reserve to be awarded across all young horse divisions, ages and sexes combined (fillies and colts, weanlings through three-year-olds).  
• One Overall Mature Horse Champion and Reserve to be awarded across all mature horse divisions, ages and sex combined (maiden/yeld mares, broodmares, and stallions. Stallions must be ARS licensed and papered). | • All USEF/USHJA recognized national or zone hunter and jumper divisions, excluding side saddle divisions.  
• USEF recognized hunter breeding.  
• One Overall Championship and Reserve for the Hunters across the divisions.  
• One Overall Championship and Reserve for the Jumpers across the divisions. |
| **Scoring** | • Median scores (similar to USDF program). IBC scores and Series Finals classes do not count; only scores from open, age and sex-specific classes will count.  
• Horses must compete in a minimum of three shows to have a median score. | • Winners will be determined by the highest points earned in each national division or the highest points earned across zones combined in which the USEF gives year-end awards.  
• “Points – increments” will be used to determine the winners, NOT money won.  
• Horses must compete in a minimum of three USEF recognized shows to be eligible for ARS awards. |
| **Awards Year** | • January 1 through December 31. | • December 1 through November 30. |
| **Awards** | • Overall Champion Young Horse and Overall Champion Mature Horse receive a trophy and ribbon.  
• Overall Reserve Champion Young Horse and Overall Reserve Champion Mature Horse receive a trophy and ribbon. | • Overall Champion Hunter and Overall Champion Jumper receive a trophy and ribbon.  
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| **Horse**  | • Horse must be registered with ARS.  
• Horse must be lifetime registered with USDF.  
• Horse must be lifetime registered with USEF or have paid the USEF Annual Horse Recording Fee at the time the scores are earned.  
• ARS Certificate of Pedigree horses are eligible for ARS Dressage Year-End Awards.  
• Show and registered name (if different) must be recorded with the ARS and USDF.  
• In order for their Rhinelander horses to be eligible for the ARS All Breeds Awards (any division), owners must declare to USDF that ARS is their one and only “Awards Association.” This is in accordance with policy of the Federation of North American Sport Horse Registries. | • Horse must be registered with ARS for all levels, Beginner-Novice through Advanced.  
• Horse must be registered with USEA for all levels, Beginner-Novice through Advanced.  
• At Preliminary through Advanced, the horse must also be recorded with USEF.  
• ARS Certificate of Pedigree horses are eligible for ARS Eventing Year-End Awards.  
• Show and registered name (if different) must be on file with ARS and USEA.  
• The ARS Performance Awards Form must be completed and submitted to the AHS/ARS by September 30 of the competition year. |
| **Owner** | • AHS membership is required.  
• USDF Participating or Business Member is required.  
• USEF membership is optional. | • AHS membership is required.  
• USEF membership is required for Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced divisions.  
• USEA membership is optional for owner, if different from rider. |
| **Rider** | • AHS membership is optional.  
• USDF participating membership is required.  
• USEF membership is optional. | • AHS membership is optional.  
• USEA membership is required for all levels.  
• USEF membership is required for all riders for Preliminary through Advanced levels. |
| **Show Requirements** | • USDF/USEF recognized competitions. Minimum number of scores varies by level but must be from at least four different judges at four different shows.  
• Contact USDF, (859) 971-2277, for complete details on All Breeds Awards or visit www.usdf.org. | • USEA Horse Trials for Beginner Novice, Novice and Training.  
• USEA/USEF licensed Horse Trials and Three Day Events for Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced. |
| **Divisions** | • OPEN: From Training Level through Grand Prix. Awards for each level are given first place through third place  
• ADULT AMATEUR: From Training Level through Grand Prix. Awards for each level are given first place through third place | One overall Champion and one overall Reserve Champion to be awarded based on the highest number of points across all the levels, Beginner Novice through Advanced. The number of awards will increase as more eligible horses compete. |
| **Scoring** | • Median Score must be 60%+ for USEF levels and 60%+ for FEI levels to qualify.  
• Training through Fourth Levels: Minimum of eight scores with two scores 60%+ from highest test of level.  
• FEI levels: Minimum of four scores with median of 60% to qualify.  
• USDF tracks these scores for the ARS. You must follow their eligibility rules. See current year USDF Directory for full qualifying criteria, visit www.usdf.org, or call USDF (859) 971-2277. | Awards at all levels are calculated on points earned that year with the USEA.  
Horses must compete in a minimum of three USEF/USEA recognized events/trials to be eligible for ARS awards. |
| **Awards Year** | • October 1 through September 30. | • December 1 through November 30. |
| **Awards** | • Champion trophy and ribbon to first place horse at each level.  
• Reserve Champion trophy and ribbon to second place horse at each level. | • Overall Champion trophy and ribbon to the ARS registered horse with the most number of points across all the divisions, Beginner Novice through Advanced.  
• Overall Reserve Champion trophy and ribbon to the ARS registered horse with the second most number of points across all divisions, Beginner Novice through Advanced. |