

The Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship

The Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship was established to honor an extraordinary teacher, judge and coach and is available annually to an undergraduate competing member of the IHSA. The hallmark of Jon's involvement with the IHSA was his willingness to share his knowledge and experience with anyone interested in learning. His selfless commitment helped shape the IHSA as we know it today. Jon competed as an undergraduate IHSA rider; instructed and coached for numerous college programs; frequently judged IHSA horse shows and gave clinics. In addition he served as a member of the IHSA Board of Directors for many years in a variety of capacities as a Regional President; Zone Chairperson; National Director of Alumni; Director at Large and National Horse Show Manager.

Jon believed in the "basics" and worked tirelessly with his riders to help them develop a working partnership with their horse. A rider that demonstrates Jon's ideals would first have a passion and respect for the horse. Additionally this rider would demonstrate a desire to improve him or herself in order to improve his or her relationship and communication with the horse. Jon enjoyed teaching all levels of riders, but especially appreciated the opportunity to work with riders who were just beginning their journey with horses and help them have the right start toward developing themselves as good equine partners.

The award winner will receive from the Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation.

Qualifications for the Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship:

1. Full-time undergraduate IHSA member who competes or has competed in the Walk-Trot; Beginning Horsemanship; Walk-Trot-Canter or Intermediate Horsemanship divisions during the year of qualification for the award.
2. Nominee must be in good standing with the IHSA and USHJA if nominee is a hunter seat competitor.
3. Nominee has demonstrated financial need to his or her coach.
4. Nominee will display a passion for horses and a desire to better himself or herself on and off of the horse.
5. An IHSA coach will nominate a rider that fulfills the criteria found in numbers 1-4 above and complete the Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship form for submission.
6. The Regional President or Regional Point Keeper must verify that the nominated rider has competed in the appropriate division for the qualifying year. A letter or email confirming this must accompany the nomination form.
7. Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, February 24, 2016 to the following email address:

Megan Taylor
megandtaylor310@gmail.com

NOTE: Nomination forms will only be accepted via email.

8. The award winner will be chosen by the Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship Committee.
9. The winner and nominator will be notified immediately after the decision is finalized. The winner will also be announced at the 2016 IHSA National Horse Show and will be presented with the scholarship at this time, unless he or she is unable to attend the show. Arrangements for the scholarship to be mailed must be made with Megan Taylor.