

G & M Riding Club

Junior Member Endowment Award

GOAL: To assist G & M Riding Club Active Junior Members in the pursuit of competing at regional/state/nationally recognized shows/rodeos/gymkhanas or further their Equine education at nationally recognized clinics or seminars.

Examples of eligible competitions, but not limited to: State Fair, HITS, NBHA , High School Rodeo Association , Quarter Horse Congress, Pony Club Nationals, Clinics at Equine Affaire or with people such as George Morris, Charmayne James etc.

There will be a total of four endowments of \$250 each awarded between G & M shows and gymkhanas'.

Nominations for shows and gymkhanas will due by November 1, 2015 for consideration for the 2016 awards.

BASIC CRITERIA :

1. Must be a current member of the G & M riding Club (i.e. current year dues must be paid , and maintained for the following year as points span a 2 year period
2. Must be an ACTIVE member:
 - Must attend at least 3 scheduled meetings.
 - Must contribute to G & M activities and fund raising events developed by the membership (i.e. raffle programs, Chinese Auction, bake sale, food drives, 50/50 raffles, etc.)
 - Must demonstrate leadership (i.e. serve as a Junior officer or be an active committee member) or participate in at least 3 fund raising events
 - Must participate in G & M events- volunteering to work at shows, gymkhanas / riding in events
3. Same horse and rider combination for at least two shows/gymkhanas in order to accumulate points

4. Riders will name on their nomination form which event the endowment will be used for and on what date it is taking place. The award will only be used toward the event named. Juniors will provide proof of participation ribbons, awards, certificates, participating i.e. Facebook posts on the G & M page
5. Riders will provide a short essay (200 words) as to why they would like to be considered for the endowment and how it will further enhance their competitive experience or equine education
6. The Junior Endowment Award committee will present the nominations to the board for final approval. If an event is not approved for the endowment award the junior member will be notified given an opportunity to change the event nominated
7. After meeting items 1-6 show/gymkhana points will determine eligibility for the endowment award

DETERMINING POINTS:

1. Points will be tabulated from G & M shows & gymkhanas only
 - For shows the qualifying shows for the 2016 award will be Oct 2015, June 2016, July 2016. Endowment awards of \$250 per eligible person will be mailed after the July show
 - For gymkhanas the qualifying gymkhanas' will be Oct. 2015 , August 2016 , September 2016. Endowment awards of \$250 per person will be mailed after the September 2016 gymkhana
2. Points will be awarded as follows: Riders will receive one point for each horse they beat in each class
3. The following divisions offer classes from which points can be accumulated;
 - Short/ Long Stirrup Division
 - Junior English Division
 - Schooling Hunter Division
 - Childrens' Western Division
 - Junior Western Division
 - Open Western Division

- Junior Gymkhana Division
 - Open Gymkhana Division
4. Riders may cross enter (unless otherwise specified) among divisions at the shows and gymkhanas. In order to maintain an equitable system for choosing endowment winners, you must select 6 classes from which to accumulate points, the top 5 placings at each show/gymkhana will count.
5. After each show or gymkhana riders will be responsible for e-mailing their G&M Junior Endowment Award Reporting form within 2 weeks after each show/gymkhana to the chair of the committee, Trish Hetman at patricia.hetman@usma.edu

DETERMINING WINNERS:

The club will offer \$1,000 to be divided among the top four entries each year (\$250 each). A rider may nominate several horses and if they meet all the criteria and have the highest points may win more than one endowment. The riders/horse teams accumulating the highest amount of points will be awarded endowments.

- To keep things equitable, if there are more than 2 nominations each for the show and the gymkhanas'. There will be two endowments awarded to the show competitors and two endowments awarded to the gymkhana competitors
- If there are no more than four nominations total from the shows and gymkhanas they will be given awards on the basic criteria

REPRESENTING G&M AT NOMINATED EVENTS:

All endowment award winners should do something to represent G&M, i.e. display the club banner, display a G&M year end award on your stall/trailer, set up a photo display of your horse and accomplishments at G&M events