

## **Nomination Form for SEDRA Special Awards**

Name of Award (ONE award per nomination form; please check one below):

Cathy Booth Memorial Award

Mickey Blanford Excellence in Competition
Kings OCS Lad Memorial Trail Horse

Name of person or horse nominated:

Name of nominating person:

Nomination due no later than March 31!

Before nominating this person or horse please go to the SEDRA website (<a href="www.distanceriding.org">www.distanceriding.org</a>) and click on the "Awards/Achievements" tab for a listing of previous Special Awards recipients since a person or horse that has already received a specific award is not eligible to receive the same award again and General Criteria for SEDRA Special Awards.

Supporting narrative (Please review criteria for the award on the next page).

**Reminder:** The nominated person or horse must have successfully completed at least ONE SEDRA sanctioned ride in the year in which they are nominated. If you need a hard copy of the criteria and this form mailed to you, please contact the SEDRA Vice President at <a href="mailto:vistalargo@windstream.net">vistalargo@windstream.net</a> or phone 386-935-4642 and leave a message.):

Please e-mail the completed form to: Vice President Lindsay Campbell <u>vistalargo@windstream.net</u> or mail a hard copy to PO Box 3232, Lake City, FL 32056.

**Cathy Booth Memorial Award** - This award was established in remembrance of a special SEDRA member. A SEDRA member under consideration for this award must be nominated by one or more of his or her peers and must have successfully competed in, and completed at least one ride during the current SEDRA year.

Criteria for Nomination:

- 1. The nominee must have at least 500 successful competition miles on record with SEDRA.
- 2. The nominee must have exemplified excellent horsemanship and sportsmanship for at least the past SEDRA year.
- 3. The nominee consistently stands out as an individual others would most want to have along on a ride as a mentor/companion and during stressful events such as: a trail accident.
- 4. The nominee rides for the love of the sport. He or she enthusiastically shares this love as well as his/her knowledge of distance riding and care of the horse with anyone interested in learning more about the sport.
- 5. Specific qualities the nominee demonstrates may include, but are not limited to: focused pursuit of meaningful and safe goals, excellent care of their equine partners and of themselves as riders, a command of respect from peers and new riders, the horse's wellbeing is the priority, an above average knowledge of the sport, an above average capability to apply that knowledge, very good to excellent riding ability, consistent courtesy in ride camp and on the trail, genuine concern for other riders and their horses, and overall positive attitude.
- 6. Specific examples of how the nominee meets criteria are to be addressed in the nomination write up.

**Mickey Blanford Excellence in Competition** This award honors the memory of SEDRA member Mickey Blanford by recognizing a current SEDRA member, who has been nominated by his or her current SEDRA member peers, and who has successfully competed in and completed at least one ride during the current SEDRA year.

Criteria for Nomination:

- 1. The nominee must have at least 500 successful competition miles on record with SEDRA.
- 2. The nominee must be devoted to improving his/her riding skills and physical fitness (takes horseback riding lessons, attends exercise classes, and/or participates in clinics).
- 3. The nominee consistently works with his/her horse to improve its athletic ability while also maintaining a balance in the horse's life promoting its wellbeing.
- 4. The nominee cross-trains his/her horse in other disciplines (such as: basic dressage, trail obstacle challenges, and working cattle).
- 5. The nominee is current in the latest distance sport research to include, but not limited to: effective conditioning of the horse, appropriate use of electrolytes, types of tack to be utilized, hoof care, safe effective nutrition, safe trailering, and safe camping.
- 6. Specific examples of how the nominee meets criteria are to be addressed in the nomination write up

**Kings OCS Lad Memorial Trail Horse** -This award honors the memory of a very special SEDRA trail horse by recognizing a horse registered in the SEDRA Horse Mileage Program, who has been nominated by one or more current SEDRA members, and successfully competed in and completed at least one ride during the current SEDRA year. Nominee Qualifications:

- 1. The horse must have at least 1000 miles of successful competition on record with SEDRA.
- 2. At minimum, the horse must exhibit the following characteristics:
  - Willingness to compete ("heart").
  - Cooperation and ease of handling on the ground and under saddle (a horse that riders would want to ride if they
    could not ride their own horse).
  - o Impeccable ground and under saddle manners on the trail, in ride camp, and the camp site.
  - Boldness on the trail when facing new obstacles and potentially dangerous situations on the trail, but never out of control.
  - Ability to stand out in a group of horses in a unique way of going, behavior, and attitude.
- 3. Specific examples of how the horse meets criteria are to be addressed in the nomination write up