

## **YOUTH MEMBER(S) OF THE YEAR**

Established in the fall of 2014 and to be presented during the first competition year of 2014/2015. IDS will recognize any JR/YR member who displays exemplary sportsmanship, participation, and volunteerism to the sport of dressage. The honor of being named a Youth Member of the Year will be awarded to any JR/YR fulfilling all of the qualifying requirements.

**PURPOSE:** To promote dressage riding, training and competitive excellence in the young rider as well as to develop an interest in and appreciation for the organizational aspect of The Indiana Dressage Society.

**ELIGIBILITY:** JR/YR must be an IDS member before January 15th of each year.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** none

### **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:**

Volunteer a minimum of 8 hours at any IDS sponsored show

Attend a minimum of 1 IDS Board of Directors Meeting or the Annual IDS Meeting

Participate in or audit an IDS hosted clinic.

Write an article of choice with approval from the Newsletter Editor about an IDS clinic, show, or educational experience.

Ride in at least 1 equitation class, or show in a class 2nd level or above with a score of 60% or higher. If member does not have a horse on which to compete in shows he/she may write an essay on a topic chosen annually by the JR/YR committee.

**\*\*JR/YR's are responsible for providing documentation of their riding requirement only if they have not participated in an IDS sponsored event in which we would have record of their show history\*\***

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS** will be tracked by the JR/YR committee as long as membership in this category remains less than 30. If membership grows an application will be designed for members to track their own participation.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Awards to be determined by the board on an annual basis and will be given at the Annual Awards Banquet.