

# 23rd Annual 2024 EQUINE INDUSTRY VISION AWARD

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#### **THE AWARD**

The Equine Industry Vision Award is given annually to recognize outstanding leadership, creativity, and meritorious contribution toward positive changes in the equine industry. This distinguished award is a unique opportunity to publicly acknowledge ingenuity, originality, and effective innovation that exemplifies commitment, dedication, and service to this industry.

#### **DEADLINE DATE**

Materials must be submitted electronically on or before February 2, 2024.

**EMAIL NOMINATIONS TO**: Judy Lincoln, Equine Industry Vision Award Coordinator at: <a href="mailto:ahorsepubs2@aol.com">ahorsepubs2@aol.com</a>

Guidelines and nomination ballots are available at www.americanhorsepubs.org.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Nominees may include **individuals** or **organizations**. They may be recognized for a single outstanding visionary achievement or for sustained outstanding contributions that have profoundly impacted the equine industry. Nominee must be resident of U.S. or Canada.

In the case of nomination for a single achievement, nominees should have devoted themselves to a given task whose magnitude, significance, and repercussions warrant a level of recognition beyond the purpose served. The achievement in question should be complete or measurable to the degree that the judges can accurately assess its consequences and degree of success.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The nominee's performance in relation to the achievement(s) cited should demonstrate the following attributes and abilities:

- 1) The vision and innovation of a true pioneer.
- 2) Leadership, commitment, dedication, and willingness to serve.
- 3) Original and effective ideas or products, services, programs.
- 4) High moral, ethical and professional standards.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

- 1) Deadline for nominations for the 2024 award is on or before **February 2, 2024**. The award presentation will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at the 2024 AHP Equine Media Conference in Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2) Anyone is eligible to be nominated or to nominate. **Nominations must be submitted electronically** and emailed to <a href="mailto:ahorsepubs2@aol.com">ahorsepubs2@aol.com</a> and must include the official nomination ballot plus any additional supporting documentation such as letters of recommendation, links to videos, websites, books, or articles. **Maximum number of pages is ten (10)**. The nomination must describe in non-technical terms the nature of the achievement and the extent of its benefit, significance, and effects, focusing on those attributes of the nominee that were primarily instrumental in contributing to the achievement.
- 3) The person nominating a candidate must provide their name, address, and phone number so that the judges can follow up if needed.
- 4) The person nominating a candidate must provide the names of two additional people who could offer information on the nominee.
- 5) All non-winning nominations, including finalists from 2023, are encouraged to be re-nominated. A 2024 nomination ballot and collateral material are required for all 2024 nominations, regardless of whether the nominee has been nominated in the past.

#### JUDGING

The Equine Industry Vision Award Nominating Committee will review the nominations. The Committee will narrow the prospective list of nominees to no more than four (4) finalists, and the AHP Board of Directors plus a Zoetis representative will select the winner.

The winner will be notified to allow for travel arrangements and scheduling. Official announcement and presentation of the award will be made during the AHP Conference in May.

## **PUBLICITY**

AHP members are encouraged to share and publish information about the Equine Industry Vision Award in their publications and on their websites and social media for their readers and viewers before the nomination deadline and following the award ceremony. AHP will provide its members with press information and promote the award via the AHP Newsgroup and online.

# **EQUINE INDUSTRY VISION AWARD TROPHY**

World-renowned artist, Peter Wayne Yenawine, was commissioned by Zoetis to create the Equine Industry Vision Award Trophy. Mr. Yenawine is a master artisan of the finest full lead crystal. Four White House administrations have commissioned him to create gifts of state, and he has designed unique sports event trophies for the horse racing industry. The perpetual trophy for the Equine Industry Vision Award is on display at the Zoetis offices. A smaller version of the award is given to the recipient as a cherished memory of this special event.

# For more information about the Equine Industry Vision Award, contact: Christine Brune, AHP Executive Director, at <a href="mailto:AHorsePubs@aol.com">AHorsePubs@aol.com</a>

## **PAST RECIPIENTS**

2023 - Dr. Nathaniel White

2022 - Dr. Billy Smith

2021 – Breyer Horses

2020 - Barbra Schulte

2019 - Dr. Tom Lenz

2018 - David Jones, DVM

2017 - Sydney Knott

2016 – Gary Carpenter

2015 - Gayle Ecker

2014 - Patti Colbert

2013 - PATH Int'l.

2012 - Equine Land Conservation Resource

2011 - Robert Cacchione

2010 - John Nicholson

2009 - Charlotte Brailey Kneeland

2008 – Sally Swift

2007 - David O'Connor

2006 - Stanley F. Bergstein

2005 - John Ryan Gaines

2004 - American Quarter Horse Association

2003 - Don Burt

2002 - Alexander Mackay-Smith



