

## Affiliate Organization Member Benefits 101

Associate Membership – get 50 % off (normally \$35)

- Use Promo code Affiliate2022 (only \$17.50 with promo code)
- Designed for those individuals who are NOT competing on USEF sanctioned competitions but would like to receive all the benefits of USHJA membership and participate in [USHJA Educational Programs](#) such as [Emerging Athletes Program](#), [Horsemanship Quiz Challenge](#) (for Juniors and Adults!), [Recognized Riding Academy](#), and the [Trainer Credentialing Program](#) as well as eligibility for scholarships and grants.
- 50% off the [Trainer Certification Manual](#) (regularly \$40) Filled with resources for instructors, trainers, and riders.

### Scholarships & Grants

- Each year USHJA awards thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships for both Educational and Equestrian Goals
- Zone based grants & scholarships: Visit your individual [Zone](#) Grants & Scholarships page for details. Many Zones offer both Educational and EAP scholarships.
- [\\$25,000 Hamel Family Scholarship](#): Awarded to one or more applicants for college, graduate, trade, or professional school.
- [Alvin Topping Governance Grant](#): One \$500 grant is awarded annually to assist one USHJA member, 25 years of age or under) with funding to support their attendance at the USHJA or USEF annual meeting.
- [J.T. Tallon Memorial Equitation Grant](#): Each year, the USHJA Foundation will grant \$1,000 to one junior rider who has qualified for a national equitation championship at a fence height of 3' or higher.
- [Gochman Grant for USEF Pony Finals](#): This grant is not strictly monetary in nature, but rather experience-based. In addition to the opportunity to compete at USEF Pony Finals, each grant recipient is provided access to professionals for training; entered into available clinics; and exposed to other educational experiences throughout the week.
- [Affiliate Organization Grant](#): Affiliate Organizations can apply for up to \$500 for event, scholarship and/or clinic support. Deadline to apply October 4, 2021. Contact [Melanie Mader](#) for an application

### USHJA Committee Service

- USHJA is made up of industry volunteers who help to guide and steer the direction of the Association based on the needs of the Membership.
- Committees are reelected periodically (2 or 4 year terms)
- [Committee Interest Forms](#) may be submitted to [CommitteeInterest@ushja.org](mailto:CommitteeInterest@ushja.org) at any time.
- [2021 Board of Direction Elections](#): In this election, the Nominating Committee will be seeking nominations for the positions of four At-Large Director seats (individuals meeting the following criteria: Hunter Athlete, Jumper Athlete, Zone Council, and Affiliate Council).
- Associate members may also comment on proposed Rule Changes. Be a part of shaping the sport by providing feedback and input on how our sport is governed.

## Merit, Standings, and Nomination based Awards

- [Affiliate Equitation Awards](#): The Affiliate Equitation Awards were created to enhance an affiliate association's existing equitation or horsemanship based award(s) with USHJA recognition.
  - Each Affiliate may submit an [application](#)
  - [Examples](#) of how this may be awarded
- **NEW** Affiliate Year-end High Score Award
  - Affiliates may apply for this award to enhance their own High Score Awards
  - Once High Score Award will be provided per Affiliate Organization

## USHJA Affiliate National Championships

- This is an opportunity for Affiliate Organizations to send riders to a National Championship designed just for them.
- The [USHJA Affiliate Championships](#) will include expanded offerings for 2021, for Juniors and Amateurs in the Hunters and Equitation at fence heights of 2' and 2'6" and Jumpers from .70m to .90m. Thirty (30) riders will be accepted for each section. View [Specifications](#)
- Affiliate Organizations can nominate 3 riders to participate in each section. Riders do not need to be members of USHJA to participate. Horses are not required to be recorded with USHJA.
- Riders may be nominated to cross enter in the same height section for a different Affiliate Division (ie, Hunters 2' and Equitation 14 & Under 2') Horses may compete with a different rider in a different height section.

## News & Communications

- Subscription to the [USHJA In Stride](#) bimonthly magazine
  - This is a bimonthly member magazine that covers the most recent and informative news for the hunter/jumper community, useful tips to promote equine health and well-being, training and competition articles, news stories and photos from recent competitions and awards, plus much more.
- USHJA E-News providing important news, reminders, resources and information
  - [Zone](#) e-news is distributed monthly with important reminders, updates, articles, competition results, and deadlines just for your area. Affiliate Organizations and Outreach participants are featured.
  - [All Member e-news](#) is also distributed monthly with Championship coverage, sport and educational opportunities, articles, reminders, and relevant articles from the hunter/jumper community.
  - [Affiliate Newsletters](#), distributed quarterly, bring relevant news and topics to our Affiliate Organization members.

## Perks & Discounts

- Discounts on ribbons from Hodges Badge. Contact [USHJA Awards](#) to order
- [Prize Possessions](#) awards discount
- [Members only discounts](#) from John Deere, Sherwin Williams, and Office Depot
- 10% discount off [Parlanti](#)
- Discounts for [Hotel, Travel, and Entertainment](#)

- Discounts from Delta, Enterprise, and National - visit your [USHJA Member portal](#) for more details.