

**POLICY 1800 P.1 Procedures for Granting the Founders Award:
Nomination Process and Qualifying Criteria**

In order to recognize those persons who have made a significant contribution to The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. over an extended period of time, the Board of Governors endorses the presentation of the Founders Awards. This award was instituted in honor of the Founders of USPC.

The Founders Awards shall be presented at the Equine Symposium and Convention ~~or~~ at the Founder's Reception and/or at the Annual Banquet or as appropriate for the schedule.

- A. The Advisory Committee shall recommend recipients of the Founders Award to the Board.
- B. The Board of Governors shall approve the recipients of the Founders Award.
- C. Nominating procedures and qualifying criteria for Founders Awards are listed below:

Nominating Procedure and Qualifying Criteria

Information will be disseminated yearly using all Pony Club forms of communication, such as digests and e-news, requesting nominations for the Founders Award. The said nomination shall include a description of the nominee's volunteer service and contributions to USPC. The following criteria must be met for the nomination to be considered:

1. Nominees shall be living.
2. Except in unusual circumstances recipients must be living.
3. Nominees shall have performed volunteer services for USPC for a period of 20 years or more with substantial service at the national level.
 - a. Volunteer service is that for which the individual received no compensation in any form.
 - b. USPC national level services may include but not limited to terms as a Board of Governor member, service on a national committee, organizer of a national level event such as the USPC Annual Meeting, Festival, or Championships.
4. Except in unusual circumstances, nominees shall not be current members of the Board of Governors or Advisory Committee.

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