



2026 CHA Certifier of the Year Nomination

Entries are due August 31, 2026.

The **Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA)** typically considers several key criteria when evaluating nominees for **Certifier of the Year**. While exact criteria may vary slightly by year or region, the following are commonly included:

1. Excellence in Professionalism and Leadership

- Maintains a professional demeanor, ethics, and positive attitude.
- Acts as a role model and mentor within the equine and CHA community.
- Promotes safety, responsibility, and horse welfare.
- Demonstrates commitment to CHA's mission: *"Changing lives through safe experiences with horses."*
- Adheres to CHA best practices and industry standards.

2. Impact and Participant Success

- Has an impact on participants' progress, confidence, and skills.
- Inspires and motivates through supportive feedback.

3. Community Involvement and Advocacy

- Promotes horsemanship education and CHA values within the community.
- Involved in outreach, events, clinics, or programs that benefit broader audiences.

4. Innovation and Improvement

- Supports innovative teaching techniques, tools, or program development within the scope of CHA best practices.
- Demonstrates continual professional growth and encourages others to do the same.

Supporting Materials Requested:

- Nominee's contact information and short biography of their experience and excellence as a CHA certified professional.
- Additional letters of support from certification participants, students, & peers.
- Clear photos of the nominee, both in portrait and in action.

Email supporting materials as outlined above to office@CHA.horse with “Certifier of the Year” in the subject line.

All materials must be contained in one file folder attachment. *We recommend using Google Docs.*

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