



2026 CHA Horse of the Year Nomination

Entries are due August 31, 2026

The **CHA Horse of the Year** award recognizes an exceptional equine that contributes significantly to a CHA program. While CHA may update criteria from year to year, the general **criteria for nominating a horse** include:

Affiliation:

The horse must be used in a CHA program member or by a CHA certified instructor.

Disposition and Reliability:

The horse should have a calm, consistent, and safe temperament. It must be dependable and suitable for riders of varying skill levels.

Versatility:

The horse should be able to participate in a variety of riding disciplines or activities, such as English, Western, trail riding, or therapeutic riding.

Positive Impact:

The horse must have made a significant, positive difference in the lives of students or riders. This could include helping beginners gain confidence or supporting riders with special needs.

Length of Service:

Preference may be given to horses with a long-standing history of service within the program.

Supporting Materials Requested:

- Nominated Horse's description including:
 - Stable & Registered Name
 - Breed/ Age / Height
 - Owner & program name
- Compelling stories or testimonials from instructors & students that illustrate why the horse is special or deserving of the award.
- Clear photos of the horse (front/side/back views), and photos or videos in action.

Email supporting materials as outlined above to **office@CHA.horse** with "Horse 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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