



Awards Criteria – Gibby, Lifetime and Merit

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The Merit Awards Committee gives out several awards each year. The criteria and deadlines for each award are:

Gibby Award - The 'Gibby Award' is an honor given to an individual or couple who has made an outstanding effort to improve the trail system on public lands. The nomination must be submitted to the Merit Awards Committee Chairperson by June 30 and must be signed by four (4) OHC members, each belonging to a different county. No more than one honoree will be selected each year. This award may be given upon the recommendation of the Merit Awards Committee and approval by the OHC Executive Cabinet. The 1st full weekend of August each year will be known as the 'Gibby Ride' to honor the recipient of this award. This ride is hosted by the State OHC who handles all the reservations.

Lifetime Membership Award - The Lifetime Membership nominations must be submitted to the Merit Award Committee Chairperson by September 30. The nomination must state the reasons this person is deserving of OHC's highest award, and it must have signatures of four (4) OHC members, each belonging to a different county, who endorse the nomination. Lifetime membership may be awarded upon the recommendation of the Merit Awards Committee by standard procedure for any Merit Award and approval of the Executive Cabinet. Requirements:

- Must be a member of the OHC in good standing for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Must have rendered important service towards meeting the goals of OHC.
- Must have held a position at State Level (state officer or director, regional representative or mentor, state committee chair or committee member) for at least two (2) years.

Merit - Any OHC member may make a nomination by simply naming and describing why they feel the person deserves the award along with an endorsement of the nomination by another OHC member. Requirements:

- An OHC member who has put forth special efforts to promote the goals of OHC.
- An outstanding accomplishment in a horse-related field by an outstanding OHC individual, adult or youth member.
- A non-OHC member who has demonstrated interest in and put forth special efforts to promote the goals of OHC.
- A business or organization (not associate member) that has supported OHC on State level.
- An Associate group that has supported OHC activities and goals.

Please state above category when the nomination is submitted. Lifetime awards will be presented at the November State Meeting, Gibby Award during 'Gibby Ride' weekend and Merit throughout the year.