



Awards Criteria – Gibby, Lifetime and Merit

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The Merit Award 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 Award Chairperson **by May 31** 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 Award 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 Chairperson by September 30. The nomination must state the reasons this person is deserving of OHC's highest award, and also it must have signatures of four other OHC members (each from 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 Council.

Requirements:

- Must be a member of the OHC in good standing for at least twenty years.
- Must have rendered important service towards meeting the goals of OHC.
- Must have held a position at State Level (officer, committee chair, or committee member for at least two 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.

Meritorious Award (For Non OHC Members)- In an effort to honor non members who go above and beyond to assist OHC in improving the bridle trails in Ohio or supporting Ohio's horse industry in other ways, OHC will now offer a new award. Any current OHC member can nominate an individual or group for this award. Nominations should contain the name and contact information for the nominee as well as the preparer of the nomination. The nomination should include a narrative of why the person/group is deserving of this award. There is no deadline for this submission. All submissions should be mailed to the Merit Awards Chairperson. All awards will be approved by the OHC Executive Cabinet after recommendation of the Merit Awards Committee. Awards will be presented at an official OHC meeting/function unless this cannot be done for logistical reasons.

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

The nomination along with any supporting information and the required signatures should be mailed to the Awards Committee Chair:

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If you have questions, you can call Rick at 740-258-4921. (evenings please)

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