Call for ESS Award Nominations

Outstanding members are recognized at each Equine Sciences Society Symposium for their contributions to the Society, service to the horse industry, and excellence in teaching and research. Consider nominating a deserving colleague for one of the ESS Awards listed below.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Unless otherwise stated, all 2017 award nominations should be submitted electronically via email to ESS Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Donald L. Thompson, Jr. at dthompson@agctr.lsu.edu (phone 225-578-3445). All required materials should be submitted as a single dossier (file) in PDF format. Please write “ESS Award Nomination” in the email subject line of your submission. Please adhere to page and word limits specified in the nomination guidelines for each award.

Award nominations must be submitted on or before FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017.

2017 AWARDS:

1. JOSIE COVERDALE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Purpose:
This award, renamed in honor of Dr. Josie Coverdale, will be presented to an Equine Professional under the age of 40 that has made meritorious contributions to equine science in teaching, research, public service, or industry.

Eligibility:
- The candidate must be under the age of 40, and have less than 10 years of service in academia and industry combined.
- The candidate must have been a member of ESS for at least four years.
- The nominator does not have to be an ESS member.

Guidelines for Nomination:
The nominee dossier should include:
1) A nominating letter (up to 3 pages) describing the nominee's contributions to equine science;
2) A curriculum vita on the nominee;
3) At least 3, but no more than 10 letters of support. At least 2 letters must be from Society members from 2 states that differ from the nominee's state of residence;
4) A short citation (250 words or less) suitable for reading at the ESS awards banquet or for publication.
2. OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Purpose:
This award will be presented to a Society member involved in teaching, extension or industry that has demonstrated excellence in the area of equine education either to students or persons in the industry. The award is meant to recognize the development of programs that are exceptionally effective at disseminating research-based information in a manner which has an effect on the long term well-being of horses and/or the horse industry.

Eligibility:
- The candidate must have been an ESS member for at least four years.
- The nominator does not have to be an ESS member.

Guidelines for Nomination:
The nominee dossier should include:
1) A nominating letter (up to 3 pages) describing the nominee's contributions and accomplishments in equine education;
2) A curriculum vita on the nominee;
3) At least 3, but no more than 10 letters of support. At least 2 letters must be from Society members from 2 states that differ from the nominee's state of residence;
4) A short citation (250 words or less) suitable for reading at the ESS awards banquet or for publication.

3. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD IN EQUINE SCIENCE

Purpose:
The Distinguished Service Award in Equine Science is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of equine science. This award is the most prestigious honor that the Equine Science Society can bestow upon one of its members.

Eligibility:
- The nominee must be a member or an affiliate member of ESS.
- The nominee must be of high moral character and have a record of outstanding accomplishments in teaching, research, extension, or service as it relates to advancement of the equine sciences and horse industry.
- The nominee must have provided distinguished service to ESS (formerly ENPS) and the horse industry.
- The nominator does not have to be an ESS member.

Criteria for Evaluating Nominees:
- Documented scholarly activities in equine science, including publication of peer-reviewed research papers, books, or book chapters, extension publications, etc.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in undergraduate and/or graduate student training in equine science, including classroom teaching and extracurricular activities, and/or demonstrated effectiveness in other youth educational programs in equine science.
- Evidence of effective transfer of technology to the horse industry and related industries.
Evidences of other service that contributes to the horse industry, including active involvement in local, state, national, and international horse organizations.

Guidelines for Nomination:
The nominee dossier should include:
1) A biographical sketch of the nominee;
2) Documentation to establish the nature and value of the nominee's contributions to the field of equine science considering the above criteria;
3) Other supporting material as may be deemed essential by the nominator;
4) A short citation (250 words or less) suitable for reading at the ESS awards banquet or for publication.

4. Fellows of the Equine Science Society

Purpose:
The Fellow Award recognizes distinguished service to the horse industry and to ESS (formerly ENPS) over a long period of time. No more than six fellows will be awarded at each meeting.

Eligibility:
Any person who has rendered distinguished service to the horse industry and has been a member in good standing in the Society for a minimum of 10 years is eligible.

Guidelines for Nomination:
The nominee dossier should include:
1) A biographical sketch of the nominee;
2) Documentation establishing the history, nature and value of the nominee's contributions to the field of equine science;
3) Other supporting material as may be deemed essential by the nominator;
4) A short citation (250 words or less) suitable for reading at the ESS awards banquet or for publication.

5. The American Feed Industry Association Award in Equine Nutrition Research

Purpose:
The purpose of the AFIA Equine Nutrition Award is to stimulate research excellence in equine nutrition.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria:
- The nominee must be actively involved in original equine nutrition research.
- Research work published in the last 10 years immediately prior to the year of nomination will be given strongest consideration.
- The research upon which the nomination is based must be different from that submitted for other AFIA Awards (such as the AFIA Non-Ruminant Research Award) if the nominee is a previous winner of another AFIA award.
- The nominee must have been an ESS member for at least 4 consecutive years including the year of nomination.
- The nominator does not have to be ESS member.
**Guidelines for Nomination:**

The nominee dossier should include:

1) A nominating letter (up to 3 pages) describing the nominee's contributions to equine nutrition research. This letter should highlight the major accomplishments of the nominee's research program and the impact of his/her research on equine feeding management or the feed industry;

2) A summary of the nominee's career including education, employment, awards and other accomplishments as appropriate (list of graduate students, service to professional organizations, etc.). The career summary should not exceed 4 pages;

3) A complete list of the nominee's research publications in chronological order with most recent publications last. Publications should be separated into the following categories: books; invited reviews and book chapters; refereed journal articles; and other (proceedings, abstracts, experiment station reports);

4) A short citation (250 words or less) suitable for reading at the ESS awards banquet or for publication.

**6. EQUINE SCIENCE SOCIETY AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE EQUINE SCIENCE AWARD**

The Equine Science Society co-sponsors this annual award with the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS). Nominations for this award should be submitted to ASAS (not the ESS Awards Committee) and are due March 9, 2017. Information about the ESS-ASAS Equine Science Award, including eligibility requirements, nomination materials and submission instructions can be found on the ASAS website at: [https://asas.org/membership-services/national-awards](https://asas.org/membership-services/national-awards). The 2017 Award will be presented at the national ASAS meeting in Baltimore, Maryland (July 8-12). Both the 2016 and 2017 award winners will be recognized at the ESS awards banquet.