

Adams County Outstanding Equine Exhibitor Awards - 2021

Basic Information:

1. Five Outstanding Equine Exhibitor (OEE) Awards are presented annually:
 - a. **Performance Junior** (ages 8-13) and **Senior** (ages 14 and older).
 - b. **Gymkhana Junior** (ages 8-13) and **Senior** (ages 14 and older).
 - c. **Beginner** (ages 18 and under).
 - d. **Non-Mounted** (ages 18 and under).

Please refer to specific scoring criteria for each award, attached.

2. Points are calculated for every horse/rider combination. The same tack and attire are required for showmanship and horsemanship/equitation classes.
3. Skillathon placing is the first tie-breaker.
4. OEE awards are announced at the Awards Round-Up on Friday evening of the Adams County Fair. A halter will be presented to each OEE award winner at that ceremony.
5. Members are not eligible to win the same OEE award in consecutive years, but they may win a different award (i.e. move from Junior to Senior or from Beginner to Junior or Senior or from Gymkhana to Performance, etc.).
6. Members may not win more than one OEE in the same year. For example, if a member qualifies for a Gymkhana OEE with one horse and for a Performance OEE with a different horse, s/he must choose which OEE to receive.
7. Members will be asked to declare which OEE they are competing for on their entry forms.
8. Exhibitors of Small Equine (minis) or ponies not ridden can compete for Performance OEEs by participating in Showmanship, Small Equine Hunter (over Fences) or Driving Reinsmanship and Trail in Hand.

2021 Criteria:

Award	Age	Skillathon	Classes Placings:		Other classes:
			Showmanship	Equitation/ Horsemanship	
Beginner (1 st or 2 nd year only)	All	Skillathon Placing	Walt-Trot or Beginner Easy-gaited	Walk Trot Horsemanship or Beginner Easy-Gaited Equitation	None
Performance - Junior	8-13	Skillathon Placing	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	Trail in Hand*
Performance - Senior	14-18	Skillathon Placing	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	Trail in Hand*
Gymkhana - Junior	8-13	Skillathon Placing	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	None	Four gymkhana classes: Barrels, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Stakes
Gymkhana - Senior	14-18	Skillathon Placing	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	None	Four gymkhana classes: Barrels, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Stakes
Non-Mounted	8-18	Skillathon Placing	Any (except Beg/Walk-Trot)	None	Small Equine Hunter (over fences) or Driving Reinsmanship & Trail in Hand,

*Trail in Hand was added to the OEE class list in 2017 by the members of the Adams County 4-H Horse Committee because ground work is an important indicator of an exhibitor's abilities to work with his/her horse. Unlike pleasure classes, success in Trail in Hand is not measured by the quality of the horse or the investment in professional training, but rather by the time spent by the member working with his/her horse. Members are encouraged to participate in Trail in Hand classes at the annual Horse Camp to learn training techniques and to participate in the Trail in Hand class at the Camp Fun Show.