



**BCEA YOUNG RIDER OF DISTINCTION AWARD
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF JORDAN McDONALD
1983 - 2014
“A Young Rider of Distinction and Vision”**

Jordan's passion for riding and especially Eventing began at Unicorn Stables in Richmond BC, under the watchful eye of Coach Sara Bradley. He developed lifelong friendships going through the BC Young Rider program. Jordan said he gained so much education on the back of a horse, as the discipline and skills he learned were transferable in his other endeavours.

Jordan truly enjoyed the journey - not just the results, but the relationships, the learning and the process along the way. Jordan loved his family, friends, horses and dogs, he laughed often and never took anything for granted.

The McDonald family offers this generous award of \$500 in honour of Jordan's memory and hopes his story will continue to BC Young Riders. The BCEA Young Rider program sponsors the “Young Rider of Distinction” perpetual trophy.

The Selection Committee will consider:

- Character & Integrity
- Contribution to the BC Young Rider Program and the BC Eventing Community
- Horsemanship
- Sportsmanship
- Leadership and

While competitive accomplishments provide context, the recipient will be selected primarily on the values they demonstrate and the positive impact they have on their horse, their peers and the BC Young Rider Program.

Jordan believed that some of life's greatest lessons were learned from the back of a horse. This award celebrates Young Riders who continue that legacy by leading with kindness, integrity, and a genuine love of horses. This Young Rider is an inspiration to all and a true “Young Rider of Distinction”

**TO BE AWARDED AT THE BCEA AWARDS BANQUET ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS:
OCTOBER 23rd, 2026**

TO QUALIFY:

- Current registered member of HCBC
- Current registered member of the BCEA Young Rider Program
- Current registered member of the BC Eventing Association

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all questions on the application form.
- Include a short reference letter (from coach/farrier/vet/employer etc)
- Scan and Submit application with title "JM Award" in subject box to yr@bceventing.ca by October 23rd, 2026

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE:

- Name
- Age
- Email address
- Name & Email of Parent if under 19 years of age.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How long have you been a member of the BC Young Rider Program? Why are you passionate about Eventing and the BC Young Rider Program?
2. Tell us about a time when you made the decision that was best for your horse, even if it meant putting your own goals aside. What did this experience teach you?
3. One of the goals of the BC Young Rider Program is to support and encourage one another. How have you contributed to the BC Young Rider Program or the Eventing Community in B.C.?

Describe a time when you made a positive difference for another rider, volunteer or your team.
4. Jordan believed that the journey mattered just as much as the destination. Looking back on your own journey, what are you most proud of - not because of a ribbon or result, but because it helped shape the person you are today?
5. What does Sportsmanship mean to you? Give some example where you have demonstrated being a team player, and how did that make others and yourself feel?
6. If we asked other Young Riders to describe you, what do you think they would say?