

MERIT AWARD PROGRAM

Purpose: To identify horses of quality and consistent achievement over time in our breeds as an educational guide to breeders and consumers.

What Are the Merit Awards?: Horses that achieve points in under saddle, conformation, versatility, and "Supreme Sport" categories will be recognized. Horses may achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Double Platinum Awards, as well as Supreme Sire and Supreme Dam. Double Platinum and Supreme Award Levels result in induction into the Hall of Fame.

Who is eligible?: All horses registered with AGMH at the time of Merit Award application. All placements in UMH AAA shows after Jan. 1, 2001 are counted. Placements in RMHA, MPHA, KMSHA Grand Championship classes and the Sam Tuttle Versatility Award are awarded points carrying the same weight as UMH AAA shows, and count toward Grand Championship requirements for Platinum, Double Platinum, and Hall of Fame Merit Levels.

The Conformation, Under Saddle and Versatility Programs: Points are awarded at UMH AAA rated shows and designated RMHA, MPHA, and KMSHA Grand Championships as follows: First – 40 pts; Second – 30 pts; Third – 20 pts, Fourth – 10 pts, with 10 additional points each for UMH World Show placement. Versatility classes at UMH shows carry double Merit Pts. Eligible classes include age division classes, Ladies and Gentlemen's classes, Juvenile, Novice and Amateur classes in each UMH way of going division (only one division and type of class per award level).

The Supreme Sport Program: Horses may accrue points in recognized sports including endurance, NATRC, trail trials, field trials, open show versatility events, and other events for which recognition is requested and approved.

How ----- It's easy. Submit your Award Level achievement form with the processing fee. If your horse has attained a Merit Level, send in the original AGMH certificate with your achievement form and a new AGMH certificate showing your horse's Merit Level Award will be sent to you, as well as your horse's achievement being published in the United Mountain Horse Magazine.

Points and Requirements:

- Bronze:** 100 points in a specified way of going division and class.
- Silver:** Achievement of Bronze level (in any division and class), plus 200 additional points (in any one division and class) , and at least one first place.
- Gold:** Achievement of Silver Level (in any division and class), plus 300 additional points (in any division, must be all Championship classes)
- Platinum:** Achievement of Gold Level, 3 first place Grand Championships in AAA UMH shows and two UMH World Grand Championships or designated RMHA, MPHA, or KMSHA Grand Championship classes. Versatility Platinum Level requires only one UMH World Grand Championship or Sam Tuttle Versatility Award.
- Double Platinum:** Achievement of Platinum Level in both Under Saddle (or Versatility) and Conformation
- Supreme Stallions:** Have sired two or more offspring that have achieved Platinum Level.
- Supreme Dams:** Have foaled two foals that have achieved Platinum, or one foal that has achieved Double Platinum.
- Hall of Fame:** Double Platinum and Supreme Horses are automatically inducted.

Supreme Stallion (or Dam) and Hall of Fame Awards appear in the pedigree of all certificates in which your horse appears.