

“The Rising Star Award” - \$1,000.00

This award has been created by Joanne Laughlin to honor all those parents who dedicate their time, effort, and money to their children’s love for horses and of course... to “The New Rising Stars”.

“The Rising Star Award Criteria:

- 1. The rider must be 16 years of age or under, and must enter and compete at The Sparkle and Spurs Gold Show August 31, September 2, 2018.**
- 2. The successful applicant will submit in a creative and word-processed format to the following question:**

How will this prize money of \$1,000.00 further your pursuit of dressage?

- 3. The word-processed response must be a minimum of one page in length.**
- 4. An eligible rider can only win this award once and is ineligible if they have previously won this award, even if they are riding a different horse.**
- 5. All entries must be submitted no later than Friday August 24, 2018 to djmeraw@shaw.ca**
- 6. Your name and return email must be included in your written response submission. Good luck!**

If suitable candidates are not found, the Selection committee reserves the right to withhold the funds until the following year.

Joanne’s father bought her, her first pony when she was seven. “Patty, my new pony lived in a little stall my dad fashioned in our garage. My pony grazed in our backyard for the spring and summer. This was quite unusual at the time because we lived in the middle of Edmonton! I was very popular for a while, as all of the neighborhood kids got to ride Patty in the Crestwood School yard across the street from our house.

Alas, after some of the neighbors complained, Patty had to be relocated to our friends’ farm just past Sherwood Park. Almost every weekend for years, my Mom and dad drove me and my sister out to the farm to ride our pony. Their commitment sparked our love and admiration for horses I still have today.”

Joanne Laughlin has decided to give this award to honor her parents as well as the parents who dedicate their busy lives and schedule driving and supporting their children in their pursuit of dressage.