



NSCA Outstanding Junior Achievement Award

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Submit this form with required documentation
between May 1 and June 30 of the calendar year to:

awards@shibas.org

Date: _____

Junior Handler's Name: _____

Junior's Date of Birth: _____ Junior AKC#: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of NSCA Junior Membership: _____

Eligibility:

The NSCA Outstanding Junior Achievement Award is designed to recognize youth for their varied interests and passion for the Shiba Inu, and to encourage well-rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership. Emphasis will be placed on excellence of involvement in a broad spectrum of activities.

The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet at the NSCA National Specialty. The award will be an engraved plaque and a \$100 gift card. The plaque will be inscribed, "20__ Outstanding Junior Achievement Award," recipient's name, "National Shiba Club of America." NSCA will provide two complimentary banquet tickets for the recipient and their parent/guardian. A picture of the recipient with their Shiba Inu, along with the application essay, will be printed in the Shiba E-News and posted on the NSCA Junior Showmanship web page. Deadline to apply is June 30th.

Application/nomination forms may be obtained on the NSCA Junior Showmanship webpage or through the Awards Subcommittee – Junior Recognition Chairperson. All application materials may be submitted electronically or hard copy. Provide copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation or participation, and essay with this application form.

Qualifications:

1. The Junior must meet the age requirements for the year being nominated (self-nominations are accepted).
2. The nominee must be a NSCA Junior member in good standing during the year they are applying for the Award (for example must be a member in 2023 to apply for the 2023 Award which will be presented in 2024).

3. The nominee provides documentation of competing in a minimum of three Junior Showmanship conformation and/or companion events (agility, obedience, etc.) competitions in the calendar year.

4. In addition to competition, the Junior handler provides evidence of participating in other dog-related activities with a Shiba Inu, such as, but not limited to the following examples (these do not have to occur within the last calendar year):

- Submits an article for publication in the Shiba E-News on Junior handling with a Shiba Inu in any venue of participation.
- Participates in the recruitment, encouragement, and development of Juniors interested in Junior handling.
- Participation in NSCA or a Regional Shiba Inu club.
- Trains and handles a Shiba Inu for certification as a Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog, etc.
- Any academic endeavor, writing or speaking, on the history of the Shiba Inu or responsible dog ownership.
- Community service, such as hospital or nursing home visits (volunteer therapy work), Shiba Inu rescue activities, obedience demonstrations in the community, etc.

5. Maintain a 3.0 GPA, or higher, for the year reflected in the application.

6. Submit an essay describing his/her experience with, and interest in the Shiba Inu and plans for future involvement with the breed.

This is a one-time Award for any Junior applying (similar to the Hall of Fame Awards).

More than one Junior may be recognized each year.