

The Brookfield Conservation Award
For the U.S. Pony Clubs

The Brookfield Conservation Award is named in honor of historic Brookfield Farm near Lexington, Kentucky. The original parcels of Brookfield were received from the British monarchy in the late 1700's, and include some of the most fertile soil in the famed Bluegrass region of central Kentucky. Throughout the mid 20th century, this farm was home to the largest cattle operation in the state of Kentucky, producing many champion Hereford bulls and cows from the famed Bacas and Domino bloodlines. At the present time, descendents of these cattle are worked daily on horseback, and flourish on Brookfield's grassland. The Iroquois Hunt, organized in 1880 as one of the premier foxhunts in America, also hunts regularly on Brookfield. In 2000, Brookfield was placed in the Bluegrass Conservancy by its owners, Betsy and Jack van Nagell, thereby preserving its land for agriculture, equine activities, and wildlife. The Brookfield Conservation Award is presented to a Pony Club whose members have helped promote land conservation through their dedication and hard work.

Award Guidelines and Criteria

\$500 awarded annually to a club, region or individual (can be awarded to 2 recipients)

If the recipient is a club or region, there are no restrictions on the use of the cash award.

If the award is made to an individual, the cash award will go to their local Pony Club or Region.

Award Guidelines

Please write a narrative description of one or more of the following areas which you/your club or region have been active and/or participated. Please include any documentation, photographs or other documents that support your efforts. Areas of participation include, but are not limited to:

1. Organizing an educational effort for the preservation/conservation of land with your club, local hunt, or other local organizations or schools, which may include:
 - a. Articles written
 - b. Workshops
 - c. Presentations
 - d. Research papers
 - e. Civic activities

2. Showing good stewardship of the land by participating in group projects. This can include coordinating with local conservation or equine organizations to educate or participate in activities such as:
 - a. Trail clearing
 - b. Park cleaning
 - c. Adopt-a-highway project
 - d. Adopt-a-trail system
 - e. Cleaning and/or repairing of local public equestrian facilities
 - f. Local Earth Day activities
 - g. Tree plantings in local parks or designated areas

3. Please list other participation in Land Conservation/Stewardship efforts in which you/your club or region have participated in, and why you feel that they are important. How have these efforts resulted in the conservation of land for equine activities?

Please list outcomes, if any of the above activities.

Submit complete application/nomination/photos and accompanying materials to:

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
Brookfield Conservation Award
4041 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511

Nomination Deadline is November 1st. Award winners will be announced in early January, and Award will be presented at the USPC Annual Meeting.