A true sportsman is not necessarily the individual that wins or loses a competition. Sportsmanship is the behavior the individual displays while competing. A true sportsman takes defeat without complaining, even if it means they cannot show. They temper the thrill of the victory with modesty and without gloating. Opponents are treated with fairness, courtesy and generosity. Any member involved in the horse project to promote a positive experience for themselves and their peers is a candidate for the Horse Sportsmanship Award.

The horse sportsmanship nominee should be in good standing with his/her club and the 4-H program. He/she should abide by the signed commitment to excellence.

The Sportsmanship Award goes to someone who:

- Puts others before themselves
- Exhibits a sportsman-like attitude
- Is a good role model and sets a good example for other members to follow
- Puts others feelings before their own
- Is helpful to others and to the project
- Uses the horse project to grow as a person and as a 4-H member
- Shares their knowledge with others
- Accepts wins/losses with dignity and respect
- Is enthusiastic, honest, and helpful
- Sets a good example throughout the year
- Participates at the County Level in activities-please list activities on nomination

Guidelines:

1. Members cannot nominate themselves.
2. Each person can nominate up to two members who participated in horse or educational events.
3. Nominations must include a brief summary on a separate sheet sent in about the member. This nomination should reflect how the nominee meets the above criteria. Make sure to include 4-H member’s name and club.
4. Nominations should be sent to WSU Stevens County Extension, 986 S. Main Ste. D, Colville, WA 99114 or email to sgordon@wsu.edu by September 15, 2019.