

## The Brookfield Land Conservation Award for the U.S. Pony Clubs

The Brookfield Conservation Award is named in honor of historic Brookfield Farm near Lexington, Ky. The original parcels of Brookfield were received from the British monarchy in the late 1700s, and throughout the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, this farm was home to the largest cattle operation in the state of Kentucky. The Iroquois Hunt, organized in 1880, also hunts regularly on Brookfield land. 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, center, region, or individual (can be awarded to two recipients)

If the recipient is a club, center, 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, Riding Center, 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
  - 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 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

Or email all materials to: [development@ponyclub.org](mailto:development@ponyclub.org)

Nomination deadline is November 1. Award winners will be announced in early January, and the award will be presented at the USPC Convention.