



## Colorado Junior Foundation's JUNIOR SPORTSMAN AWARD

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### **BACKGROUND/CONCEPT:**

Juniors are greatly needed in the sport of dogs, not just them showing their dogs in junior showmanship, and in breed, but being more involved in local breed clubs, national breed club, learning more about dog anatomy, health, breeding, responsible ownership, volunteering at clubs, even helping younger juniors.

While most clubs and organizations reward the Best Junior "Handler", we want to also recognize juniors who do more for, and in, the "Sport of Dogs". We also we need to encourage other juniors to start thinking beyond "Showmanship" and thus the "Junior Sportsman Award was created!

### **JUNIORS MAY APPLY WITHOUT A NOMINATION IF:**

- *Junior has earned a Best Junior Win at a Colorado All Breed Kennel Club Show.*
- *Junior is a Colorado resident.*
- *Junior remains in Amateur Status.*

### **JUNIORS MAY ALSO APPLY IF THEY ARE NOMINATED BY A PAID CJF MEMBER:**

- *Junior may be nominated by A Paid CJF Member.*
- *Note: CJF Members may only nominate one junior.*
- *Junior must be a Colorado resident.*
- *Junior must remain in Amateur Status.*

### **DEADLINES:**

- CJF Members may Nominate Juniors in the month of December (from Dec 1st to Dec 31st).
- Junior Applications will be accepted in the month of January (from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Jan 31<sup>st</sup>).

## APPLICATION & REVIEW:

- The CJF Board will create a formal Sportsman Award Application.
- The CJF Board will be the body that reviews any/all CJF Sportsman Award Applications.
- The CJF Board will use agreed upon categories ranging from, including, but not limited to –
  - o Junior being a member of a Colorado All Breed Club
  - o Junior being a member of a National Breed Club
  - o Junior volunteering at any Dog Club
  - o Junior working for a Professional Handler
  - o Junior securing any title on their dog (front, back, etc.)
  - o Junior participating in a non-conformation dog event with their dog.
  - o Junior participating in any educational dog event (with or without their dog.)
  - o Junior interview
  - o Junior GPA

## AWARD & PRIZES:

- Junior Sportsman – receives a Scholarship – minimum \$1,000, up to \$2,500 (depending on CJF Funds)
- Junior Sportsman - receive a Junior Sportsman Rosette
- Junior Sportsman – may also have a trophy as determined by the CJF Board

## SCHOLARSHIP USES:

- Funds may only be used for Education, which may be a formal college, university or trade school.
- Any requests for Scholarship draws are to be made on the CJF Scholarship Payment Request Form.

## CJF OTHER JUNIOR PROGRAMS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Colorado Junior's Choice Award – No Scholarship; but prize & rosette and a wonderful honor.
- Colorado Best of the Best – Scholarship for Best Junior & Reserve Best Junior
- More Information on all our CJF programs and our foundation can be found on our website.

## CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

*The Colorado Junior Foundation is a collaborative effort of Colorado All Breed Kennel Clubs towards educating and encouraging juniors in the sport of purebred dogs. For more information, please contact CJF President, Marlene Groves, marlene@buffalogroves.com, H 303.621.1111, C 303.243.0440*

*Colorado's Junior Handler Educational Foundation - aka/dba Colorado Junior Foundation is a formal 501c3 charity where donations are fully tax deductible and kindly accepted*

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