



The Gillian Rolton Youth Development Award



Applications close - Friday 9th October 2026

Eventing riders aged up to 21 years (as of 31st December 2026)

This award is given in memory of Gillian Rolton, a double gold medal winning Olympian, who was such a great ambassador for our sport, and a leading figure in the development of the 5* Adelaide Equestrian Festival.

The aim of the Youth Development Award is to identify committed, eager and motivated young riders in the sport of eventing, and support the development of communication skills, teamwork, resilience and coachability.

The award weekend will take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November at Hallmark Farm where participants will receive coaching in all three phases from Sam Lyle. Sam is a very experienced eventing rider at both national and international level and a popular coach. Read more about him [here](#).

Riders must attend for the full two days. Family members are welcome as spectators.

The award is aimed at athletes aged up to and including 21 years (as of 31st December 2026). The winner will receive \$500, one free entry into each South Australian National Horse Trials in 2027, and more.

One application per rider. All applications will be considered, and ten riders and three reserves will be notified promptly of their selection to attend the clinic. The winner will be selected over the weekend.

Application

RIDER DETAILS

Rider Name:

Date of birth: Age (as of 31st Dec 2026)

Phone: Email:

Equestrian SA membership number:

IF RIDER IS UNDER 18 YEARS

Parent's name:

Parent's phone: Email:

HORSE that would be brought to the clinic:

Please confirm you will be able to attend a two-day clinic 14th & 15th Nov 2026 in Woodside.....YES / NO

Rider signature:

Parent's signature for riders under 18 years of age:.....

EVENTING PERFORMANCE

Horse's name:

List **ALL** performances within the last 12 months.

Date	Event	Class /grade	Dressage	XC Jumping	XC Time	SJ	Total

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What are you aiming to achieve over the coming year?

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Send completed application to eventing@equestriansa.com.au

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