

## **TIPS ON APPLYING for a \*TOOREEN LADDIE AWARD**

**Be sure to use the current application form. This levels the playing field and enables the use of e-mail.**

### **Step 1.**

- Be sure the pony is eligible for the \*Tooreen Laddie award.**
- Be sure the owner is a member of the ACPS.**
- Fill out the application form completely.**
- Include a copy of his registration form**
- Include at least one photo of the stallion and some of his offspring.**

### **Step 2.**

**THINK! Which of his characteristics have had a positive influence on the breed? Then write what your high school English teacher called a thesis statement about this excellence. For example:**

*“This stallion has a marvelous temperament and was always a willing partner in many disciplines. His offspring have made their own marks in many disciplines.”*

*“This stallion has sired many typey Connemaras in all parts of the US.”,*

### **Step 3**

**Support this statement with examples of three purebred ponies in two or three generations reflect this positive influence.**

### **Available help.**

**Marynell Eyles can give you the number of foals in each generation,**

**The Over-all Awards Chairs or Selection Committee Leader are glad to help you.**

**Be sure to send in your application to the Committee Leader by July 1 by e-mail or regular mail. This deadline is never influenced by a later date for the Annual Meeting, as this is a lifetime award and is not dependent on current activity.**

**Be prepared to be patient. Many highly qualified candidates do not win the first year.**

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### **Features of weak applications:**

- 1) Incomplete facts about the pony, sire, dam, breeder etc**
- 2) No copy of the registration**
- 3) USEF computer printouts of a long list his get. What is the quality?**
- 4) A beautiful photo album. How can get we this to the Selection Committee?**
- 5) Lengthy rambling paragraphs with little focus. We need specifics.**
- 6) Arriving after the deadline.**