

AjPHA Youth Member of the Year

The AjPHA Youth Member of the Year should be a well-rounded individual who exemplifies the spirit of community involvement, volunteer work, scholarship and leadership. This award is not given for excellence in show ring competition. However, the nominee may be an active competitor.

Application material must be postmarked by May 1.

Eligibility

Youth should be nominated by their APHA or AjPHA regional club by securing the signature of the club's president on their application. There is no limit to the number of applications from each club. The nominee must be a current AjPHA member and be 18 years old or younger as of January 1 of the year applying. The nominee may not be a current National AjPHA President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. A nominee's name may be presented for consideration until the nominee wins the award or exceeds the age limit.

Awards

The AjPHA Youth Member of the Year will receive a custom-designed belt buckle and a \$1000 Scholarship. The winner will also be recognized in the Paint Horse Connection & Paint Horse Journal. The award will be presented at the AjPHA Awards Banquet during the Youth World Championship Show.

Requirements for Application

It is the nominees' responsibility to submit a complete application. A complete application will contain:

- Biographical information
- Answers to questions 1-6
- Letter of recommendation from officer of AjPHA or APHA Regional Club
- Letter of recommendation from member of AjPHA or APHA Regional Club (person other than individual listed above)
- Letter of recommendation from a community leader, school official, or teacher
- Additional supporting information. This supporting information may include, but is not limited to, photographs, school records, newspaper clippings, articles written for newsletters, list of awards received, and projects completed.
- 500 word essay on education plans and goals
- Photograph
- Transcript covering the last four years of education
- Copy of SAT or ACT scores (if applicable)

Applicants may type their responses in lieu of using the official application; however, the format must match the information and order of the official application. Typed applications should use Arial or Times New Roman font no smaller than size 12. The entire application can-not exceed 12 single-sided or 6-double sided pages. If a presentation folder or binder is used, cover pages will count towards the total page count.

Judging

The selection of the AjPHA Youth Member of the Year will be made by a five-person committee which includes:

- One representative of the APHA staff
- Two APHA Youth Committee members
- Two APHA members

If you have any questions about the AjPHA Youth Member of the Year Award, please contact the APHA Director of Youth Activities at (817) 834-2742, extension 436.

Nominating club: _____

Signature of club President: _____

Name of nominee: _____ AjPHA ID number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age as of January 1 of year nominated: _____ Grade in school: _____

Name of local newspaper: _____

Newspaper address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

1. List local, regional and national AjPHA/APHA activities (e.g. offices held, committees, special projects or work for club projects & awards):

2. Describe any additional horse-related activities (4-H, FFA, Pony Club, judging teams, rodeo teams, etc.):

3. List volunteer work in the community that is horse-related (e.g. horse rescue, therapeutic riding, etc.):

4. Additional community activities, jobs or volunteer work (e.g. church, day care, nursing homes, etc.):

5. List special efforts and accomplishments in promoting the Paint Horse (other than showing in an APHA-approved show):

6. Type and size of school attending, and school activities participated in:

