



American Paint Horse Association's American Junior Paint Horse Association

Painting The Next Generation



The AjPHA will team you up with the best horses and best friends you'll ever have.

Join the AjPHA and you'll become a member of a huge family of friends sharing a common bond—a love for the American Paint Horse!

AjPHA offers something for everyone, no matter how long you have been riding, where you live, or the discipline you enjoy. AjPHA has members who show on a regular basis, members who ride just for pleasure, and even members who don't own a horse but want to share in the fun of American Paint Horses.

Through your participation in AjPHA, you will learn more about American Paint Horses, master leadership skills and develop a sense of sportsmanship and community involvement. But don't forget the best part of becoming an AjPHA member—the fun and friendships!

AjPHA membership benefits

Anyone aged 18 and younger is invited to join AjPHA at half the regular adult APHA membership fee—\$20, 3 years for \$40 or you may purchase a j-Term Membership for \$100, which is valid until December 31 of your 18-year-old year.

AjPHA members receive:

- a membership card
- an AjPHA member decal
- preferred *Paint Horse Journal* subscription rates
- preferred rates for registrations and transfers
- a current Rule Book
- Eligibility to participate in APHA programs
- Voting privileges and eligibility in Youth elections.

Competition

Youth Division

Almost all APHA-approved shows include a wide range of classes that are exclusively for Youth competitors. These classes are divided into Novice Youth, Walk-Trot, 13 & Under and 14–18 divisions, allowing Youth exhibitors to compete with their peers.

AjPHA World Championship Paint Horse Show

This show, held in conjunction with the APHA Summer World Championship Paint Horse Show, gives Youth the opportunity to participate with other exhibitors from across the nation. Competition is open to registered American Paint Horses and Youth. It is not necessary to qualify to enter.

AjPHA Youth Team Tournament

AjPHA invites all regional clubs to send a team of up to 20 members to the Youth Team Tournament, held during the Summer World Championship Paint Horse Show. Teams compete against one another in a Parade of Teams, Knowledge Relay, Hippology Contest and Performance Classes. Members of the top teams take home awards.

AjPHA World Championship Paint Horse Judging Contest

The annual Judging Contest, sponsored by Hart Trailers, is an opportunity for you to compete for individual or team awards by analyzing halter and performance classes, placing horses and justifying your decisions.

Paint Alternative Competition (PAC)

AjPHA members can earn awards and performance credits on Regular Registry and Solid Paint-Bred American Paint Horses in competition outside of APHA-approved events. Categories cover almost every event you can name. Members must renew annually and do not need to own the Paint Horse on which they compete.

Riding programs

Ride America®

This saddle log program recognizes the time members spend riding or driving their American Paint Horses. Set your own goals and measure your success. APHA rewards your achievements for each of the 14 milestones—from 100–10,000 hours. There is a one-time fee for the horse and rider combination, and you are not required to own the Paint Horse you ride.

Communication

J Zone

Both the monthly *Paint Horse Journal* and the quarterly *Paint Horse Connection* feature expanded content just for Youth! In the J Zone, you'll meet AjPHA members, learn more about Youth regional clubs and read Youth-focused articles. Subscribe to the *Journal* today, and watch for the *Connection* in your mailbox—it's free with your AjPHA membership.

AjPHA Website

Stay up to date on all your AjPHA information, find the forms you need, and learn more about you fellow members on our website at ajpha.com

Facebook

Meet youth members and get up to date information and activities on our Facebook page at facebook.com/pages/AjPHA/139517546664#.

AjPHA Short Story Contest

Showcase your creativity by writing a fiction or non-fiction essay (no poetry please) that includes Paint Horses. Top winners receive great awards, and the Grand Prize winner sees their story published in the *Paint Horse Journal*.

The Great Paint Brush Off Art Contest

Show off your talent by submitting personal artwork featuring a Paint Horse. Display your talents, and win great awards.

AjPHA Photo Contest

Do you enjoy taking pictures? If so, then the Photo Contest is for you. Submit your best pictures of Paint Horses in competition, at play or rest. The winners receive cool awards, and their photos appear in J Zone.

Education and scholarships

The APHA Youth Development Foundation (YDF)

YDF scholarships provide up to \$1,000 per year to young people pursuing their educational goals.

AjPHA Youth Leadership Conference

Want to learn more about leadership while setting and attaining goals? This conference provides young Paint Horse enthusiasts with the knowledge and skill to become leaders, be more self-confident and work in a team environment.

Leadership

AjPHA Officers and Directors

The Association is led by an annually elected Junior Executive Committee and group of Youth directors. National directors are elected by mail ballot. Executive Committee officers are elected during the annual AjPHA Convention, held during the Summer World Show.

AjPHA National Convention

Held in conjunction with the Summer World Championship Paint Horse Show, the AjPHA National Convention addresses the issues affecting APHA's Youth members and provides them with the opportunity to become actively involved with the Association.

Recognition

AjPHA Youth Member of the Year

This award recognizes a well-rounded individual who personifies community involvement, volunteer work, scholarship and leadership. The winner receives a custom-made belt buckle courtesy of Gist Silversmiths and a \$1,000 scholarship. This award is open to all AjPHA members.

AjPHA Club of the Year

This program recognizes AjPHA regional clubs that offer well-rounded programs. Clubs compete with one another in the areas of community service, social and educational member activities, and promotion of the American Paint Horse. In addition, clubs are evaluated on their ability to educate Youth members and other equine enthusiasts. The winner receives \$1,000.

From the Heart Award

This award is sponsored by Markel Insurance and is given to the AjPHA regional club that displays the most dedication and commitment to the Presidential Service Project, which encourages AjPHA members to reach out to their community through education and service. The winner receives \$500.

Year-end and achievement awards

These awards are given to Youth who actively compete at APHA-approved horse shows throughout the year.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the APHA Director of Youth Activities at (817) 834-APHA (2742), extension 436.