

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 age 18 and younger is invited to join AjPHA for \$39 per year, 3 years for \$79 or you may purchase a j-Term Membership for \$159, which is valid until December 31 of your 18-year-old year.

(*discounted fees available when you join or renew online: apha.com/ajpha/join)

AjPHA members receive:

- a personalized membership card
- an AjPHA member decal
- digital *Paint Horse Journal* access
- preferred rates for registrations and transfers
- 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 for 5-10 age group, 13 & Under and 18 & Under divisions, allowing Youth exhibitors to compete with their peers.

APHA Youth World Championship Show

This show gives Youth the opportunity to participate with other exhibitors from across the nation. Competition is open to registered American Paint Horses and Youth. Qualification is not required.

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 APHA Youth World Championship Paint Horse Show. Teams compete against one another in a Knowledge Relay, Horse Knowledge Test and Performance Classes. Members of the top teams take home awards.

AjPHA World Championship Paint Horse Judging Contests

Two judging contests—taking place at the APHA Youth World Show & Open/Amateur World Show—are an excellent 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, including recreational riding and 4-H events! Members must renew annually and do not need to own the Paint Horse on which they compete.

Staying In Touch

Take 5

The *Paint Horse Journal's* "Take 5" column spotlights an AjPHA member in each issue—you can even nominate yourself or your friends for this column by emailing feedback@apha.com. Subscribe to the *Journal* today.

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 apha.com/ajpha.

Social Media

Stay up to date on all things APHA and AjPHA on our social media channels:



@americanpainthorse



@APHAnews



@officialalpha



@aphavideo

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.

Education & Scholarships

American Paint Horse Foundation Scholarships

It pays to show Paints! APHA and the American Paint Horse Foundation award over \$250,000 in scholarships and prizes at the Youth World Show each year. Plus, the Foundation awards more than 50 academic scholarships worth \$1,000 each annually. Visit the website to find out how you can get a jump

start on your college education just by doing what you love!

AjPHA Youth Leadership Conference

Want to learn more about leadership while setting and attaining goals? Held in conjunction with the annual APHA Convention, this fun & educational 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 nominations, and electronic voting. Executive Committee officers are elected during the annual AjPHA Convention, held during the APHA Youth World Show.

AjPHA National Convention

Held in conjunction with the APHA Youth World Championship 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 & 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 Christine Gillett, the APHA Director of Youth Activities at (817) 222-6436 or by email at