



ASHBA Youth Council Application

For the 2024 - 2025 Term

The ASHBA Youth Council seeks to cultivate a greater sense of community among young exhibitors, provide a space for them to learn about the breed and promotion, and seeks to provide opportunities to help Council members achieve their goals.

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Active ASHBA member
2. Aged 21 or younger (members 18 & older will be required to complete the Safe Sport training through USEF)
3. Applicant must provide an essay as detailed below and two (2) letters of reference with their application
4. Applicant must list their ASHBA Youth Program involvement and what clubs or sports they belong to outside of the equestrian sport
5. Parent signature required if applicant is 17 & under

SELECTION PROCEDURE TIMELINE

1. Completed applications and required materials must be received by the ASHBA office on or before **January 22nd**. Applicants can email forms to programs@saddlebred.com
2. The selected council members will be announced by February 5th.

YOUTH COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The ASHBA Youth Council will be comprised of up to 15 individuals from across the United States who have not yet reached their 22nd birthday. 12 individuals will be selected from the 12 regions as set by ASHBA. Each member will represent their region for a two year term.

Three (3) additional members will be selected as follows:

1. One member selected as a "Discipline At Large member" – who will serve to represent the breed from disciplines other than Saddle Seat.
2. One member selected as an "Academy At Large member" – who will serve to represent the Academy division.
3. One member selected as a "Youth Club At Large member" – who will serve to represent the Youth Clubs.

ESSAY & MATERIALS

Applicants must answer the following questions in one essay of one (1) page or more:

1. Please explain your involvement with the American Saddlebred breed.
2. How would you promote the breed and the ASHBA Mission Statement within the Youth Council?
3. How have you demonstrated leadership within the industry?
4. Please include a list detailing your ASHBA Youth Program involvement and what clubs or sports you belong to outside of the equestrian sport.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please include at least 2 letters of reference from individuals within the horse industry explaining why he/she feels you are deserving of this opportunity to join the ASHBA Youth Council. Letters of reference can be directly emailed to programs@saddlebred.com if needed.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL		
ASHBA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	(current ASHBA membership is required to participate)		
BIRTHDATE			
YEAR IN SCHOOL			
REGION			

APPLYING FOR AT LARGE SEATS: ☐ DISCIPLINE AT LARGE MEMBER ☐ ACADEMY AT LARGE MEMBER ☐ YOUTH CLUB AT LARGE MEMBER

If applying for an At Large Seat, please include a resume with the application detailing your involvement in one of the At Large Seat options.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE