



Junior Ambassadors Application 2019 Show Season

Junior Ambassadors Program Specifications

This program is a grassroots effort to honor the United States Hunter Jumper Association and United States Equestrian and carry their missions forward. Open to Junior members in good standing. Riders must submit an application to the committee chair prior to May 1, 2019. The application will allow the hosts of this program more information as to the knowledge and desires of each applicant. Junior riders will be selected for entrance into the program annually. Upon completion of the program, riders will receive sponsored audit sessions to the Bernie Traurig Clinic on Dec. 7-8, 2019 with five selected for sponsored rides in the clinic based on their performance in the program. Consideration will be given to their attendance, scores on the horsemanship exam, work ethic, timeliness, attitude, behaviors, willingness to participate, as well as their trainer or parent's recommendations based on their exposure outside of this program.

Riders that are accepted into the program will complete three phases.

1. *Unmounted Educational Program:*
 - a. *Rider must demonstrate a personal responsibility to continue growing in their knowledge of horse welfare and the sport itself as evidenced by attending at least three (3) of four (4) educational workshops at Maplewood Stables under the tutelage of Julie Winkel, CEO, nationally renowned rider, trainer, judge, clinician, educator and author. Workshops will cover Judging, Course Design and Strategy, Conformation and Mental Preparedness.*
 - i. *Judging (TBD)*
 - ii. *Course Design and Strategy (June 14th, 1pm-3pm)*
 - iii. *Conformation (August 9th, 5pm-7pm)*
 - iv. *Mental Preparedness (September 1st, 4pm-5:30pm)*
2. *Serve Local Community:*
 - a. *Rider must volunteer 20 hours at Goodtoknow Horses, a non-profit organization associated with Maplewood Stables, whose mission is "to help people improve their horsemanship skills and understanding of the horse."*
 - b. *Rider must participate in a community project as a team with the Junior Ambassadors class. The project will be led by the Chair of Member Education and the Member Education Committee. An example of one of the organizations that our team is looking to partner with is the Center for Adaptive Riding, a local program that supports equine activities for people with disabilities.*
3. *Horsemanship Exam:*
 - a. *Rider must complete and successfully pass (70%) a horsemanship exam that will be issued by the Member Education Committee at the completion of each workshop.*

All graduates will receive recognition at the Awards Banquet and the class will collectively present their community project to the Awards Banquet attendees.

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2019 Application

Name		Date of Birth	
Address			
E-Mail		Cell Phone Number	
Barn Affiliation/Trainer		Parent or Guardian Name and Number	

Why do you ride horses?

Please tell us why you would like to be a part of this program and what you're hoping to get out of it.

Please describe your riding experience.

What are your short and long term riding goals? What are your career aspirations?

**Please submit application with one letter of recommendation to Member Education & Opportunities Chair, Ashlin Bowen at breakaway.bowen@gmail.com by May 1, 2019.*