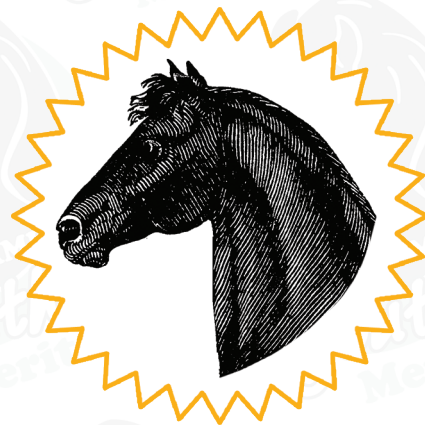


American Morgan Horse Association, Inc.

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**AMHAY Merit Program**  
**Youth Workbook**  
**LEVEL FIVE**  
**JUSTIN MORGAN**



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# Justin Morgan Level

## LEVEL FOUR: BLACK HAWK

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# AMHAY Merit Program

# Justin Morgan Level



## MISSION

The AMHA Youth Programs are designed to help our youth become educated horsemen who are civically minded, passionate advocates of the Morgan horse as well as advocates of horse sport and horse ownership.

## RULES

1. This program is open to AMHAY members, 21 years and under, who are interested in learning more about Morgans and safe horsemanship while participating in Morgan promotion and community service.

2. There are five levels of achievement once AMHA Youth membership has been established:

- 1) Bulrush
- 2) Woodbury
- 3) Sherman
- 4) Black Hawk
- 5) Justin Morgan

All levels of the Merit Program are available at [www.morganhorse.com/programs/youth/merit-program/](http://www.morganhorse.com/programs/youth/merit-program/)

3. Level requirements do not need to be completed at the same time, although you must complete one level before progressing to the next.

4. Complete the checklist at the end of this packet and email to [nicole@morganhorse.com](mailto:nicole@morganhorse.com)

5. Members may work on the merit levels as individuals or in a youth Team. The first two levels may be completed with any horse, but third level and above needs to be completed with a Morgan horse.



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# Justin Morgan Level

## OBJECTIVE

This level of the AMHA Youth Merit Program requires you to choose one particular field of the equine industry and build an extensive business plan for a career in the chosen field, or a thesis based on research in said field. **This level of the program is open to AMHA Youth members over the age of 16 only (According to USEF age rules ending by December 31st of that year.)**

### To complete this Level:

- Submit Application
- A Mentor will be chosen and a meeting with mentor, applicant, AMHA Staff and members of review committee will be scheduled.
- Applicant will explain their project, what they plan to include and how they plan to present final draft. (i.e. written, multimedia, etc) Staff and review committee will ask questions and make suggestions at this time.
- Timeline for progress updates and completion will be determined at this time.
- Applicant will submit project, committee will review and respond with requests for more information if needed and then a final meeting for applicant to present and defend the project is held.
- Applicant will also be required to pass a comprehensive test covering all topics in the five levels of the Merit Program.
- Applicant will also be required to perform an additional 15 hours of community service.



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# Justin Morgan Level

## OBJECTIVE

To complete the Justin Morgan Merit Level, a comprehensive test covering all topics in the five levels of the Merit Program must be completed. The test will include the following topics:

- Anatomy
- Hoof Care and Parts of the Hoof
- Parts of Tack to include: Snaffle Bride, Weymouth Bridle, Hunt Saddle, Cutback Saddle, Pleasure Harness, Carriage Harness, Western Saddle, Western Bridle
- How to clean tack
- Horse Terms
- How to Measure a Horse
- Basic Grooming
- Basic Stable Management
- Morgan History
- Basic Barn and Safety Rules
- Type, Conformation and Pedigrees
- Quick Release Knots
- Turn Out
- Fitting and Showmanship
- Tacking and Untacking
- Mounting and Dismounting
- Basic Nutrition
- Bits
- Equine First Aid
- Causes and Symptoms
- Immunizations and Parasite Control
- Skeletal System
- Basic Riding Tests
- Lunging
- Farrier's and Shoeing
- How Morgans Relate with Other Breeds
- Shipping and Trucking
- Long Lining
- Bitting Rigs

The Justin Morgan level requires an additional 15 hours of community service. Please be sure to also fill out the release forms for all documentation that you present to AMHA. AMHA reserves the right to use presented material for promotion of this program including but not limited to your achievements.



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# Justin Morgan Level

## JUSTIN MORGAN MERIT LEVEL APPLICATION

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have someone you would like to have as a Merit Mentor or should AMHA choose one for you? (Mentors must be approved by the AMHA Youth Committee)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**What part of the equine industry are you focusing on?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you...**

**Creating a business plan?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Researching to prove thesis?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out application and email to [nicole@morganhorse.com](mailto:nicole@morganhorse.com).  
To complete the testing portion of this Merit Level please contact Nikki at [nicole@morganhorse.com](mailto:nicole@morganhorse.com) to schedule a time to take your test.

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**Justin Morgan Level**



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**AMHA Youth Merit Community Service Hours Log**

The Community Service Hours Log must be submitted to AMHA with each completion of level.

Amount of Community Service Hours is dependant on which level you are completing.

Community Service is defined as “that person performs for the benefit of his or her local community on an unpaid, volunteer basis.” AMHA reserves the right to disqualify any hour(s) of community service deemed improper, inappropriate or inconsistent with the purpose of the program as defined in the rules.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMHA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization	Signature of person you reported to	Date	Hours

**TOTAL HOURS SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit Community Service Hours Log To:**

AMHA, Attn: Nikki Scovotti, 4037 Iron Works Pkwy, Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508



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# Justin Morgan Level

## MATERIALS RELEASE

We, the undersigned, agree that any and all material connected with the American Morgan Horse Association's Justin Morgan Level of the AMHA Merit Program becomes the property of the American Morgan Horse Association.

Written material such as test scores, judge's scores, and the calculation and method of scoring winners are strictly confidential.

The decision of the judges is final.

**I/we have read this document and execute it voluntarily.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant's Full Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Full Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

This release form must be returned to the AMHA Programs Manager along with all other documentation in the Justin Morgan Level. If form is not completely and correctly filled out you will not be considered eligible to complete the level.



# AMHAY Merit Program



## AMHA YOUTH MERIT APPLICATION

I HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING MERIT LEVEL:  
(Please circle one)

BULRUSH

WOODBURY

SHERMAN

BLACK HAWK

JUSTIN MORGAN

### Name & Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AMHA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

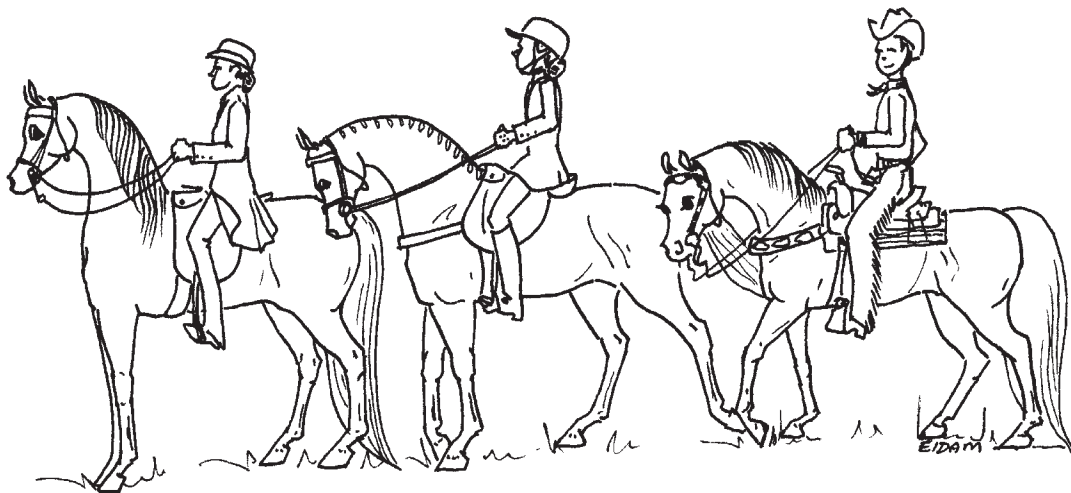
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Send Your Completed Form To

AMHA, Attn: Nikki Scovotti, 4037 Iron Works Pkwy, Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508

Or email: [nicole@Morganhorse.com](mailto:nicole@Morganhorse.com)



By submitting this form, I affirm that I will abide by the AMHA Code of Ethics as outlined in Bylaw 2.2 and Bylaw 1.3 (which may be found on the AMHA website). The American Morgan Horse Association, Inc. (AMHA) exists to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the Morgan horse. "The American Morgan Horse Association Inc. recommends and expects that all persons will conduct themselves in an honest, forthright, ethical, and sportsmanlike manner in their relationship with each other at any time they are involved in Morgan horse-related matters."