



## YOUTH CONTESTS

Youth of the Year contests are designed to recognize top achievers.



More information about Youth Contests

Youth of the Year contests consist of four parts: a written exam, an oral presentation, a judging contest, and a horsemanship pattern. Each section of the contest is worth approximately 250 points. Many contests offer divisions for leadline, walk-trot, and junior aged exhibitors. Expectations for these divisions are modified to be appropriate for the age of the contestants. Please contact your local contest organizer for more information on the divisions being offered at your local contest.

Youth who win the Senior division or who score over 800 points in the Senior division at local contests qualify to compete for AMHA Youth of the Year at the Grand Championship Morgan Horse Show® in Oklahoma City.

The winner of this prestigious title receives a unique prize package customized by the winner valued at \$3,500. The reserve winner receives a unique prize package customized by the reserve winner valued at \$1,500. These prize packages are sponsored by the Cynthia Elaine Epperson Trust. In addition, the winner and reserve winner receive educational scholarships donated by the Kohler family—\$5,000 to the winner and \$2,500 to the reserve winner.

Local and regional contests are open to youth of all ages, but only those aged 14 years and older can qualify to compete in Oklahoma.

## Other Opportunities for AMHA Youth

Morgan Horse Associations nationwide, along with Morgan shows and Clubs, offer great scholarships for our Youth.

Visit [www.morganhorse.com/programs/youth/scholarships/](http://www.morganhorse.com/programs/youth/scholarships/)

to see what scholarship opportunities are available today!



## What are you waiting for? Contact us today!

Head on over to [www.morganhorse.com/programs/youth/](http://www.morganhorse.com/programs/youth/) to learn more about all of the AMHAY activities.

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## AMHA YOUTH PROGRAMS

The American Morgan Horse Association Youth is an international organization of young people who have a common interest in the Morgan horse, America's oldest breed.

With youth members in the United States, Canada, and all over the world, AMHAY offers a variety of programs that challenge members to become involved, to learn, and to develop competence in all areas of the horse industry.

The Morgan youth program is designed to bring out the best in its members—no matter their skills or interests. Owning a Morgan horse is not a requirement for membership. Membership in AMHA Youth is open to all young people under 21.

# MERIT PROGRAM



The AMHA Merit Program is designed to help you become a competent horse person. The six successive levels of testing are designed to increase knowledge of the Morgan breed and general horsemanship while receiving recognition for hard work.

## Levels of the AMHA Merit Program:

**FIGURE BADGE:** Introductory level. FOR NON-MEMBERS ONLY. Youth receives a FREE youth AMHA Membership for the remainder of the year upon completion.

**BULRUSH:** Award includes certificate, gift card, and Bulrush pin.

**WOODBURY:** Award includes certificate, gift card, and Woodbury pin.

**SHERMAN:** Award includes certificate, gift card, and Sherman pin.

**BLACK HAWK:** Award includes certificate, gift card, and Black Hawk pin.

**JUSTIN MORGAN:** The highest of badge achievements. Award includes certificate, gift card, Justin Morgan pin, custom AMHA jacket, and recognition on the AMHA website.



More information about Merit Program

# TEAMS PROGRAM



The AMHA Youth Teams Program is an annual competition designed to facilitate teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout barns and horse friends, while helping to educate and familiarize youth with the Morgan horse.

The AMHA Youth Teams Program is based on an accumulation of points within your "team" throughout the competition year. It recognizes Morgan youth at all levels of horsemanship.

Points will be earned by performing many different tasks relating to all aspects of the Morgan horse whether it be at home in the barn, competing at horse shows, or through their commitment to AMHA youth programs such as Youth Contests and the AMHA Youth Council.



More information about Teams Program



# YOUTH COUNCIL



The AMHA Youth Council is composed of AMHA Youth members ages 13–21, each selected for his or her devotion to the breed, creativity, and professionalism. Members of the Council strive to adhere to the following three goals, each reflecting values held by AMHA Youth: To perpetuate and promote the Morgan's long-standing history of excellence, athleticism, intelligence, and willingness. To attract equine-minded youth nationwide to AMHA Youth Programs by developing diverse, interesting, and effective campaigns and programs to increase youth involvement. To offer guidance to other AMHA youth and serve as exemplary role models. Members of the Council are not only representatives of their region, but also of AMHA.



More information about Youth Council



Youth Council Application

AMHA welcomes all youth interested in joining the Youth Council. Fill out the Youth Council Application form (left) and send to [nicole@morganhorse.com](mailto:nicole@morganhorse.com).

# MEDAL CLASSES



Are you interested in equitation? Do you strive to do the best you can?

Excellence in equitation is valued by the American Morgan Horse Association and is recognized through the AMHA Medal Classes, held at local and regional Morgan and all-breed shows. All junior riders who are AMHA members are invited to compete on a Morgan. AMHA Silver Medals are awarded in each of the six seats: Saddle Seat, Western Seat, Hunt Seat on the Flat, Hunt Seat Over Fences, Reining Seat, and Dressage Seat.



More information about Medal Classes

Those who place first and second in an AMHA Silver Medal Class are qualified to participate in the Gold Medal Finals at the Grand National. Gold Medals are the highest AMHA equitation honor and are awarded, along with scholarships, in each of the six seats.