



The AMHAY Horsemastership Program is designed to help you become a competent horseperson. The five successive levels of testing are designed to increase knowledge of the Morgan breed and general horsemanship while receiving recognition for hard work.

### **Bulrush**

The first level teaches the basics of horse anatomy, Morgan history, grooming, safety, tack and horse terms.

### **Woodbury**

The second level builds on the skills learned in Bulrush in addition to record keeping, handling, basic riding control and presentation skills.

### **Sherman**

The third level requires learning about basic horse first-aid, diseases, simple riding tests, shoeing theory and trailering.

### **Black Hawk**

The fourth level involves judging, how to determine horse age, trailer safety, hoof structure, detailed Morgan history and completion of 9 out of 22 riding or driving activities.

### **Justin Morgan**

The highest level of achievement is Justin Morgan. It requires proficiency in 7 out of 8 working horsemastership areas; youth activity promotion and organization; knowledge of horse behavior, unsoundness, and stable construction. Badge achievers must also instruct a beginning horseperson for three months. Lastly, a score of 70% must be earned on a comprehensive test over all horsemastership program topics.

Horsemastership achievers must be under 22 years of age (as of December 1st) and all badge work must be completed with a registered Morgan. The first two levels may be approved by youth club leaders or other qualified horsepersons, but the top three levels must be approved by an official AMHA horsemastership examiner.

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