



AMHA Annual Youth Achievement Award

The AMHA Annual Youth Achievement Award is an annual award presented to a deserving youth member at the Annual AMHA Convention. This award, based on the accumulation of points in a variety of areas, recognizes youth members who have demonstrated a commitment to AMHA, AMHA Youth programs, the Morgan horse and their community.

The award year is November 1 through October 31. All points and signed verification sheets should be submitted to Katie Hodges at AMHA by November 15 of each year. The youth member with the highest point accumulation will be recognized at the AMHA Awards Dinner at the Annual AMHA Convention. The winner will receive a certificate, an engraved plaque, and will be featured in AMHA's news.

This award is open to all current AMHA Youth members.

AMHA reserves the right to add or remove events in which points may be earned as programs are developed and changed.

This award may not be won more than once by a youth member.

For more information, contact Katie Hodges at (802) 985-4944 ext. 401 or Katie@morganhorse.com

Points can be accumulated in the following areas. Verification sheets must be signed and include the contact information for the person signing the form. Parents and family members cannot sign verification sheets.

The following minimum qualifications must be met: 20 points earned in AMHA Youth Program Participation, 20 points earned in Equine and/or General Community Service, 10 points earned in Morgan Breed Promotion.**

AMHA Youth Program Participation

Recognized AMHA Youth Club *Verification sheet must be signed by youth club leader*

2 points - Youth Club member (indicate club name)

5 points - Youth Club officer (indicate office held)

AMHA Youth Council

10 points - Serve as a Regional Representative to the AMHA Youth Council

10 points - Serve as a Regional Director to the AMHA Youth Council

10 points - Serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the AMHA Youth Council

AMHA Youth Horsemastership Program

10 points - Completion of the Bulrush level

10 points - Completion of the Woodbury level

15 points - Completion of the Sherman level

15 points - Completion of the Black Hawk level

20 points - Completion of the Justin Morgan level

Points earned from badge work may be counted each year

Youth of the Year Contest Participation *Verification sheet must be signed by contest coordinator*

10 points per contest - Completion of a local or regional YOY contest (indicate name of contest)

3 points additional per phase/per contest - Place 1st oral presentation, written exam, horsemanship, or judging

5 points additional per contest - Place 1st overall in a local or regional YOY contest

3 points additional per contest - Place 2nd overall in a local or regional YOY contest

10 points - Compete in the Grand National (GN) Youth Contest

5 points additional per phase - Place first in any phase of the GN Youth Contest

15 points additional - Place 1st overall in the GN Youth Contest

10 points additional - Place 2nd overall in the GN Youth Contest

5 points additional - Place 3rd-10th overall in the GN Youth Contest

10 points - Compete in the AMHA Junior Invitational

5 points additional - Place 1st overall in the Junior Invitational

15 points additional - Recipient of the Dayton Sumner High Point Award

20 points - Recipient of the AMHA Youth Sportsmanship Award

Grand National Youth Activities:

15 points per horse/per class - Loan the use of a horse registered in your name for use in the horse judging contest (indicate name of horse used and class entered)

5 points - Attend the Youth Meet & Greet. *Verification sheet must be signed by a Youth Contest Coordinator*

5 points - Attend the Youth Party. *Verification sheet must be signed the event coordinator*

AMHA Medal Classes *Verification sheet must be signed by show secretary or manager. Indicate show, class name and number of entries per class.*

5 points - Compete in any AMHA Silver Medal Class

3 points additional per class - Place 1st in any AMHA Silver Medal Class with 2-5 entries

4 points additional per class - Place 1st in any AMHA Silver Medal Class with 5-10 entries

5 points additional per class - Place 1st in any AMHA Silver Medal Class with more than 10 entries

5 points per class - Compete in any AMHA Gold Medal Preliminary (indicate class name)

15 points per class - Complete in any AMHA Gold Medal Finals (indicate class name)

10 points additional per class - Place 1st in any AMHA Gold Medal Class

8 points additional per class - Place 2nd in any AMHA Gold Medal Class

5 points additional per class - Place 3rd - 10th in any AMHA Gold Medal Class

AMHA Program Participation

AMHA Open Competition Program *Requires separate enrollment*

5 points per event submitted - Participation in the Open Competition Program. *Entries must be complete and on time when submitted, only events entered during award year will count*

15 points per division - Earn championship in any year-end junior exhibitor division of the program

10 points per division - Earn reserve champion in any year-end junior exhibitor division of the program

AMHA My Morgan & Me Program *Requires separate enrollment*

5 points per 50 hours reported - Participation in the My Morgan & Me Program. *Only hours ridden within award year will count, award applications must be submitted by November 15*

AMHA Annual Convention *Verification sheet must be signed by AMHA staff member, board member, Youth Council member or speaker in attendance at the time of the event.*

10 points - Attend the AMHA Annual Convention

5 points - Attend the AMHA Youth Board meeting

5 points - Attend the AMHA General Membership meeting

5 points - Attend the AMHA Awards Dinner

5 points - Attend the AMHA Awards Luncheon

5 points per day - Attend at least one convention seminar per day (indicate seminar title)

Morgan Breed Promotion:

School Report *Verification sheet must be signed by teacher*

15 points - Present an oral report on the Morgan horse to group of school students (include copy of report)

15 points - Prepare a written report on the Morgan horse as a class project (include copy of report)

15 points - Use a Morgan horse as the subject of an art/photography project for school (include copy of project)

15 points - Use a Morgan horse as the subject of a creative writing project for school (include copy of project)

Parade *Verification sheet must be signed by club leader or parade official*

15 points per parade - Lead or ride a registered Morgan horse in a public parade (include photographs)

Promotional Event *Verification sheet must be signed by club leader or other adult who assisted with event. Include photographs and/or copies of publicity material.*

10 points for assisting or 20 points for coordinating - Morgan promotional booth at a fair, expo etc

10 points for assisting or 20 points for coordinating - Celebrate the Morgan event

10 points for assisting or 20 points for coordinating- Morgan visits (take a Morgan to school, church, nursing home, hospital, day camp, day care or other location to introduce people to the breed)

10 points - Ride or drive in a Morgan breed demonstration

AMHA Recognized Club

Verification sheet must be signed by a club leader

5 points per meeting - Attend a club meeting (indicate name of club)

10 points per committee - Serve on a club committee (active participation required; indicate name of committee)

10 points per event - Volunteer to work at a club function

Equestrian Education

Verification sheet must be signed by clinic host, include copy of flyer advertising event

5 points per event - Attend a clinic or seminar on any aspect of horsemanship

5 points per event - Ride or drive in a clinic with a registered Morgan

Equine Community Service

Verification sheet must be signed by a show manager, secretary, or program manager

5 points per day worked per show - Volunteer at a horse show (gate person, office staff, award presenter etc).

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at a therapeutic riding program.

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at an equine rescue, rehab or retirement group.

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at a veterinary clinic.

10 points - Organize a donation drive for an equine related charity.

General Community Service

Verification sheet must be signed by program manager, volunteer coordinator or supervisor

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at a local, non-horse based charity (soup kitchen, food bank, homeless shelter, animal shelter etc)

5 points per event - Assist with a donation drive for a local, non-horse based charity

10 points per event - Organize a donation drive for a local, non-horse based charity. *Include copies of publicity materials used to raise sponsors/donations*