



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 are due in the AMHA Youth department office 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 an engraved plaque and will be featured in a future issue of *The Morgan Horse* magazine.

This award is open to all AMHA Youth members, there is no enrollment fee. Youth member's name must appear on a valid membership account, it is recommended that an individual, youth membership is obtained.

AMHA reserves the right to add or remove events in which points may be earned as programs are developed and changed. All additions and deletions will be announced at the beginning of each qualifying year.

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

Points can be accumulated in the following areas. Where indicated a signed verification sheet will need to accompany point sheets. Verification sheets must be signed by, and include the name, phone number, email address and mailing address of the person signing the form. Parents and family members can not sign verification sheets. "Club leader" refers to youth club leader or president/leader of recognized AMHA club.

****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)

5 points - Member of the AMHA Youth Club of the Year

2 points - Member of the Reserve AMHA Youth Club of the Year

2 points - Assist with development of Educational Display Contest entry

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 Youth of the Year contest (indicate name of contest)

3 points additional per phase/per contest - Place first in any phase of a Youth of the Year contest (indicate phase; oral presentation, written exam, horsemanship, horse judging)

5 points additional per contest - Place first overall in a local or regional Youth of the Year contest

3 points additional per contest - Place second overall in a local or regional Youth of the Year contest

10 points - Compete in the AMHA Youth of the Year Finals

5 points additional per phase - Place first in any phase of the AMHA Youth of the Year Finals

15 points additional - Place first overall in the AMHA Youth of the Year Finals (**points from this category may be counted each year**)

10 points additional - Place second overall in the AMHA Youth of the Year Finals

5 points additional - Place 3rd-10th overall in the AMHA Youth of the Year Finals

AMHI Scholarship

10 points - Receive an AMHI Scholarship (**please indicate name of scholarship, points from this category may be counted each year**)

Grand National Youth Days:

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)

15 points per horse/per contestant - Loan the use of a horse registered in your name for use by a Youth of the Year contestant for the horsemastership pattern and awards presentation (indicate name of horse and of contestant)

5 points - Attend the Youth Awards Banquet. *Verification sheet must be signed by AMHA staff or Youth Steering committee member at the time of the banquet*

5 points - Attend the Youth Party. *Verification sheet must be signed by party coordinator or Youth Steering committee member at the time of the party*

10 points - Compete in the Youth Horse Judging Contest

5 points additional - Place first individually in any section of the contest (indicate section; In-Hand, Performance or Oral Reasons)

3 points additional - Member of a team which places first in any section of the contest (indicate team name and section)

10 points additional - Place first overall in your age group

8 points additional - Place second overall in your age group

5 points additional - Place in the top ten of your age group but not 1st or 2nd

10 points additional - Member of a team which places first overall (indicate team name)

8 points additional - Member of a team which places second overall (indicate team name)

5 points additional - Member of a team which places in the top five but not 1st or 2nd (indicate team name)

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

20 points - Recipient of the AMHA Youth Sportsmanship Award

The Morganizer

10 points per submission - Submission of an article, interview, creative literature piece, game, puzzle or craft project that is chosen for publication. *Submission of club news not applicable*

AMHA Medal Classes *Verification sheet must be signed by show secretary or manager*

5 points - Compete in any AMHA Silver Medal Class (indicate show and class name) per class

3 points additional per class - Place first in any AMHA Silver Medal Class with 2-5 entries (indicate show and class name, number of entries)

4 points additional per class - Place first in any AMHA Silver Medal Class with 5-10 entries (indicate show and class name, number of entries)

5 points additional per class - Place first in any AMHA Silver Medal Class with more than 10 entries (indicate show and class name, number of 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 first in any AMHA Gold Medal Class (**indicate class name, points from this category may be counted each year**)

8 points additional per class - Place second in any AMHA Gold Medal Class (indicate class name)

5 points additional per class - Place 3rd – 10th in any AMHA Gold Medal Class (indicate class name and placing)

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 Pathways Program *Requires separate enrollment*

5 points per 50 miles reported - Participation in the Pathways Program. *Only miles ridden within award year will count, log sheets must be submitted by November 15*

AMHA Annual Convention *Verification sheet must be signed by AMHA staff member, AMHA Board member or AMHA Youth Steering committee in attendance. For meetings, verification sheet must be signed at the time of the meeting and you must attend for at least one hour. For seminars verification sheet must be signed at the time of the seminar and can be signed by the room host or the speaker. For the awards dinner and luncheon verification sheets must be signed 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 member of the board of directors of the club

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

5 points per day worked per show - Volunteer at a horse show (gate person, office staff, award presenter etc). *Verification sheet must be signed by show manager or secretary*

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at a therapeutic riding program. *Verification sheet must be signed by program manager or instructor*

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at an equine rescue, rehab or retirement group. *Verification sheet must be signed by program manager*

5 points per day worked - Volunteer at a veterinary clinic. *Verification sheet must be signed by clinic staff*

10 points - Organize a donation drive for an equine related charity. *Verification sheet must be signed by club leader or charity manager.*

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*