

Membership Benefits & General Information

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Benefits of Membership

You are joining the largest equine volunteer organization in the State of Ohio. OHC has nearly 4,000 members throughout the state and is open to all breeds of equine, disciplines of riding and ages of rider. The slogan, "Horsemen helping Horsemen" represents commitment to Ohio's equine industry. Your membership fee goes directly to Ohio Horseman's Council and supports your right to equine ownership, recreational use of public land, and education.

- OHC advocates for public land use and members work with land managers to volunteer and maintain more than 1,800 miles of bridle trails throughout the state.
- Keep Ohio's trails fee free.
- Meet and ride with others who share your equine passion.
- Access to competitively priced equine liability insurance from Equisure. (See document: "Equisure FAQs Rev 2.20.2020")
- Discounts from national retailers for your farm, business, or personal use. (See document: "Membership Benefits from American Horse Council Rev: 2-2020")

Membership application

Membership in Ohio Horseman's Council is effective on an annual basis from January 1 to December 31. You can apply as an individual, family, youth or association. Most members are part of a local Ohio county chapter, but if you would rather support OHC without chapter affiliation, you may select "At Large" instead of a county chapter.

To become a member, apply and pay online. If you'd rather print an application and mail your check, use the membership form for the chapter you want to join. Go to the "Find Chapter" menu on the OHC website and select a county chapter. Scroll to "Download registration" and click on "membership form". Print, complete and mail with your check to the treasurer listed on the form.

Membership categories and fees

- **Individual** membership is open to any person age eighteen (18) or older. An active individual member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and may hold office if eligible under Article V of the OHC Bylaws.
- **Family** membership is open to spouses or domestic partners, at least one of whom is age eighteen (18) or older, and their dependents. Dependent means that the spouse(s) or domestic partner(s) contribute greater than fifty percent (50%) of the dependent's support. Family members must physically reside in the same household. Active family members, age eighteen (18) or older, shall each be entitled to one (1) vote, with a maximum of two (2)

votes per family, and each may hold office if eligible under Article V of the OHC Bylaws. Family members under the age of eighteen (18) may not vote nor hold office.

- **Youth** membership is open to any person under the age of eighteen (18) as of January 1. Youth members must be sponsored by an adult member, with written permission of their parent or guardian. Youth members are not permitted to vote or to hold office.
- **Associate** membership is open to any group or individual desiring to support OHC. Associate members must be affiliated with and sponsored by a county chapter. Associate members are not permitted to vote or to hold office.

Any Individual, Family or Youth member may be a Member **At Large** if not claiming a county chapter affiliation. An active member At Large shall have the benefits, voting and office holding rights of an Individual or Family member. A member At Large may change to a chapter affiliation during membership year.

OHC Basic Membership (does not include Equine Excess Liability Insurance)

- \$25 - Individual (age 18 or older, no dependents)
- \$10 - Youth (under age 18, parental/guardian signature required)
- \$35 - Family (includes spouse/partner/other and/or dependents)

OHC Plus Membership (includes Equine Excess Liability Insurance)

- \$45 - Individual (age 18 or older, no dependents)
- \$75 - Family (includes spouse/partner/other and/or dependents)

Associate Membership (Equine Excess Liability Insurance not applicable)

- \$40 - Group (provide name of group and primary contact person)

Note: Some county chapters charge a small fee to help fund chapter operations and activities, and it will appear in that chapter's form when you apply.