



# Junior Ambassador Initiative

No matter how old you are; there is a younger person watching you.  
Lead by example.

Submit photos on Ohio Horseman's Council FB page (if you parental consent) or [promotions@ohconline.com](mailto:promotions@ohconline.com)

- Junior Ambassadors will advocate to their peers and others for the OHC. This may include speaking about the OHC, spreading word of OHC events, and inviting others to OHC events. They will also advocate helping others when needed and leading by example. They will also seek more knowledge in the horse industry as well as advocate for the use of public land for recreational use.

- Junior Ambassadors will earn points from February 1 thru Dec 31 (\*\*see below) by completing tasks with winners announced at the Spring 2026 state meeting. These tasks are aimed to gain knowledge, assist others, and become a more well-rounded individual as well as prepare youth to serve in offices within the OHC as young adults. The points will be tallied by the Junior Ambassador chair & committee for each region and then approved by the program chair and sponsor. Each region high point JA will be awarded a Belt buckle. The youth high point for the state of Ohio will win a \$250 scholarship for that year.

\*\* will accumulate points in 2025 from February 1 thru December 31, 2025 during program launch. Beginning 2026, points will accumulate beginning Jan 1 thru Dec 31 of each calendar year.



# How does a child become a Junior Ambassador?

## Junior Ambassador

- Must be named on a family membership or a youth membership
- Must fill out and submit the program entry form

\*\* Associate/group memberships do not qualify

## How are points tallied?

Points will be tallied twice a year then combined for the end-of-year awards.

Points need to be turned in July 31 for first half of year then Dec 31 for second half of year. Point paper work should be turned in to either a chapter volunteer handling Junior Ambassador points or your Regional Mentor.

# HOW DO I EARN POINTS?



Participate in a local 4-H /FFA /YEDA/pony club/IEA (1 point per show)

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_



Show at a local – any event that you are required to pay an entry fee; YEDA & 4H included (1 point per show)



Hold an office in your 4H/FFA club (2 points)

What office? \_\_\_\_\_



Help at a Chapter Fundraiser (2 points)

Event name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Recruit a new member (2 points)



Help with trail clean up for a day (check with park mgr for permission) (5 points per day)

What park? \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Interact at a chapter, regional, or state meeting examples: speaking, answering questions, leading pledge(2 points)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Help at a community event (1 point)

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Attend a state ride (1 point per state ride)

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Attend a state meeting (2 points)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Maintain good grades in school - maintain an A or B average (5 points)



Submit an essay on an equine health issue (colic, hoof problems, vaccinations, worming, etc) to your regional representative (5 points)  
Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



Write any published article that is OHC related (Horseman's Corral county chapter news, county or state newsletter (5 pts each article)



Volunteer at a show (open gates, reset barrels, be a ring steward, OHC's Equine Affaire booth)  
(1 pt per day)  
Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Be observed helping another rider and spreading your kindness and knowledge (1 point)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Volunteer at a shelter (does not have to be equine)  
(2 points per day)  
What shelter? \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Help plan an OHC local event (2 points)  
Event name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Took riding lessons (1 point per lesson)  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_



Participate in a regional gathering of other Jr Ambassadors (any event where JAs attend together) (5 points)  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Download an app for tracking your miles. (1 point)



Download the what3words app and learn how to use it! (1 point)



Reach 100 hours spent with horse  
Keep track with the provided tracker (10 points)



For every 25 hours spent with your horse or caring for it. (5 points per 25 hours)



Keep track of your saddle miles (use provided tracker; 5 points per filled tracker turned in)



Interview an equine professional–limit of one per profession). Fill out form provided and have it signed by professional. (1 point per interview)



Attend monthly meetings (1 point per meeting attended; 5 bonus points if you attend all meetings.OHC, YEDA, 4H or similar)



Attend a clinic of 5 days or more (10 points) Name of clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates: \_\_\_\_\_



Attend a day long clinic (1 point)  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Read any horse-related book (fiction or non fiction-2 pts each book)  
Title of book(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## JUNIOR AMBASSADOR ENTRY FORM

(17 years or younger as of January 1 and member of OHC via youth or family membership)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
OHC membership date, when joined: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

What does OHC advocate for?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is the current OHC state president?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regional representative?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regional Junior Ambassador Mentor?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is your regional Junior Ambassador Mentor Assistant?  
\_\_\_\_\_

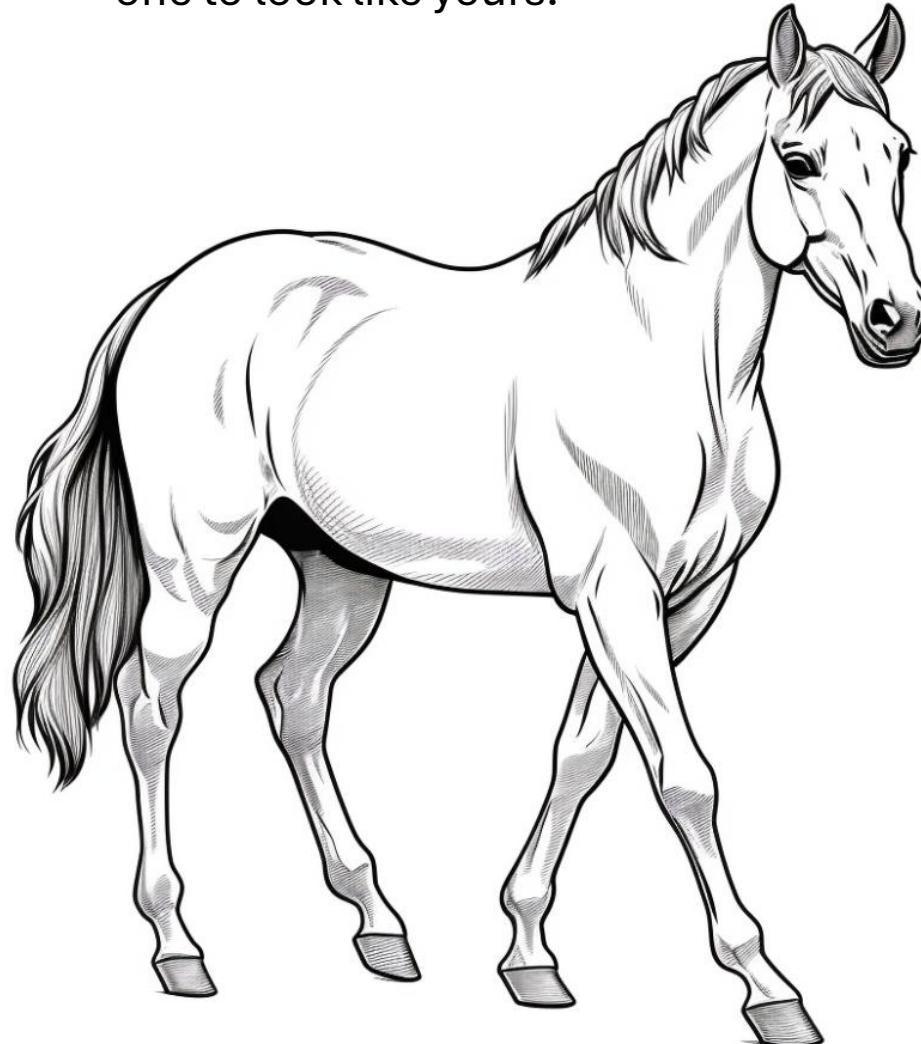
Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: Can we share pictures of your child engaged in JA activities on OHC Facebook or Newsletters?

Circle answer: yes   no

Chapter officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Show us your horse. Color this one to look like yours.



Chapters should confirm that the information is correct and forward it to your JA regional mentor who then forwards to Nichole Johnson email: [jrambassadors@ohconline.com](mailto:jrambassadors@ohconline.com). 5

# WIIFM?

What's in it for me?  
All will receive a certificate of  
participation

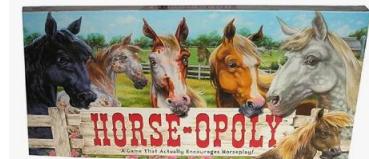


**Junior Ambassador with  
highest points in state  
will receive a \$250  
scholarship**

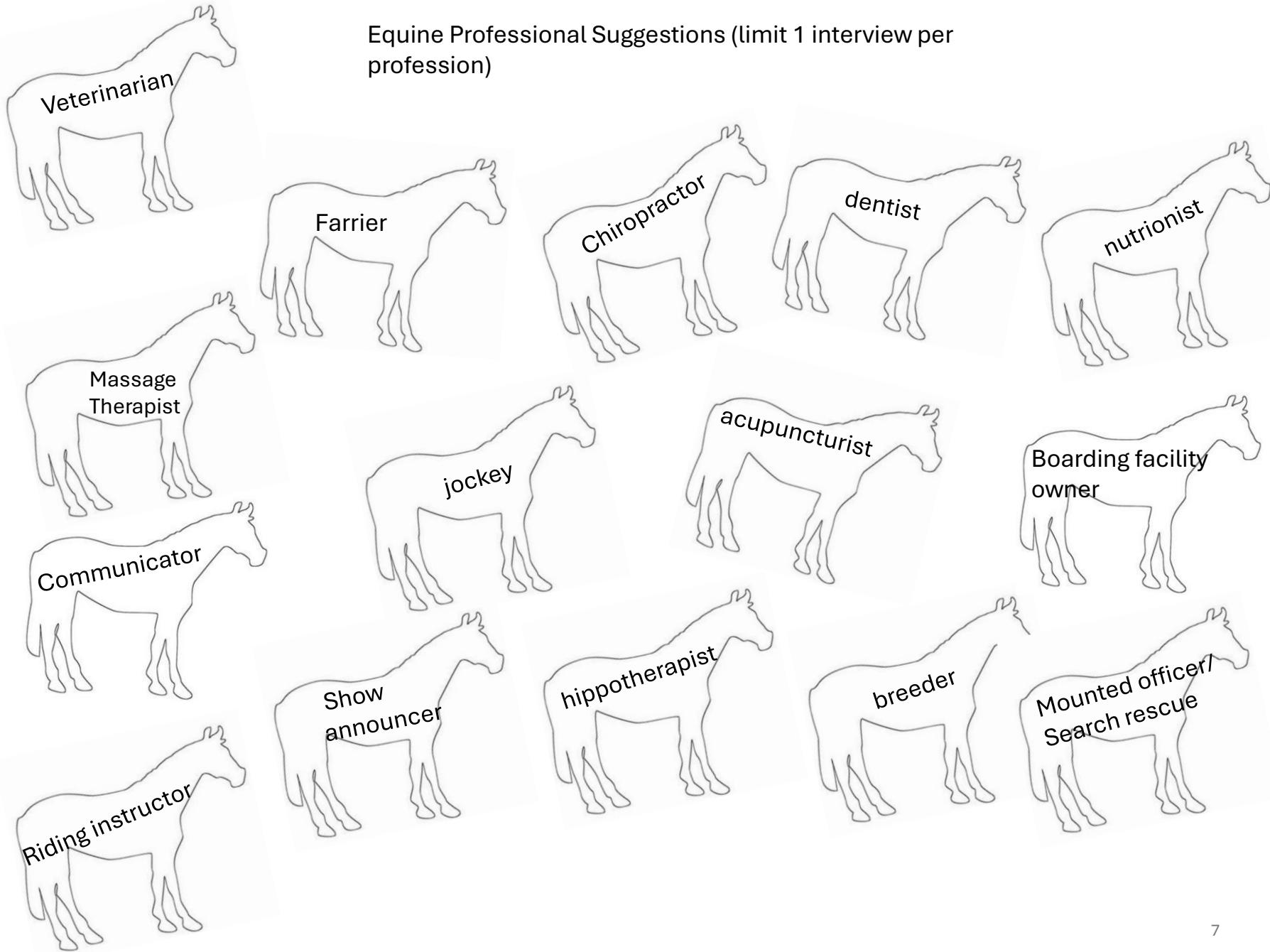


5 Highpoint belt buckles –  
(1 per region) Achieve  
most points within your  
region

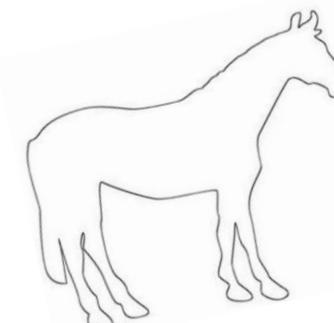
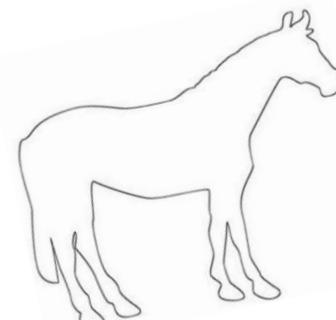
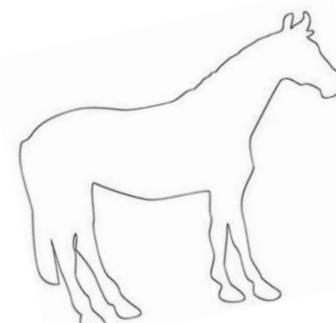
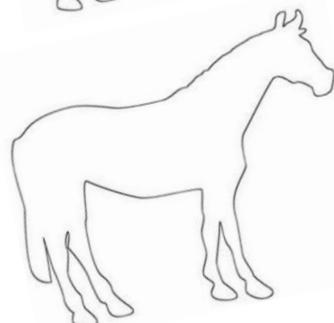
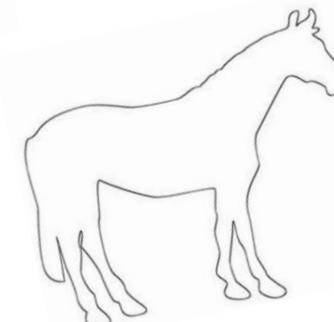
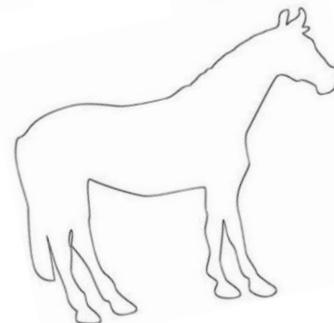
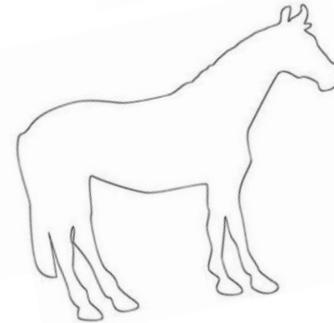
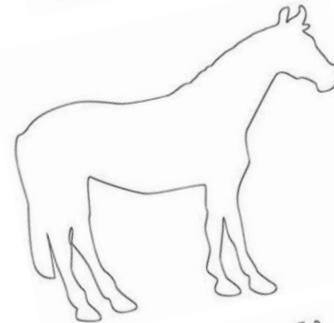
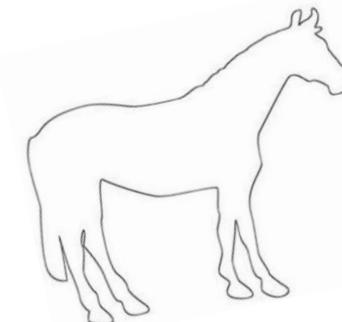
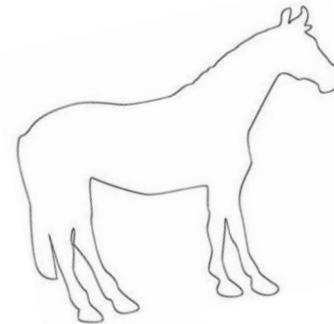
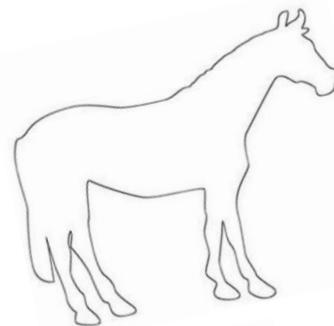
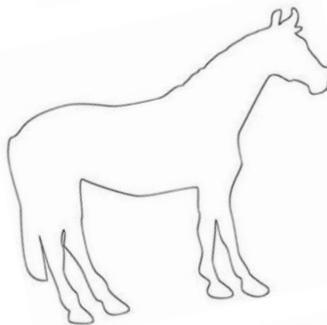
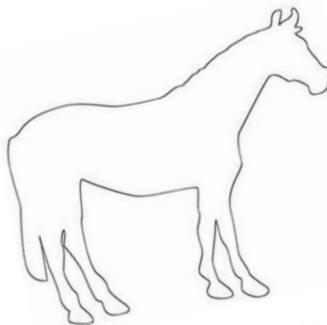
Junior Ambassadors  
Will be awarded equine  
related gifts based on  
how many points they  
have earned.



Equine Professional Suggestions (limit 1 interview per profession)



Junior Ambassadors can  
add equine professionals  
not listed on previous  
page



# EQUINE PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEW

Junior AMBASSADOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUINE PROFESSION: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUINE PROFESSIONALS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUINE PROFESSIONALS PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN THIS PROFESSION: \_\_\_\_\_

What brought you into this profession? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel there is a future for me in this profession? \_\_\_\_\_. Why do you feel this way? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some drawbacks within your profession? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is a JA Question and Answer for the professional?: \_\_\_\_\_

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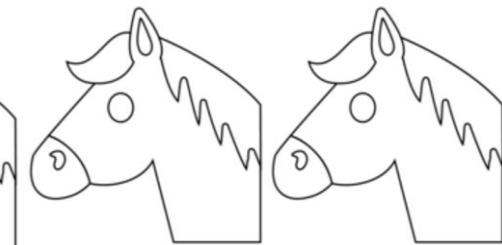
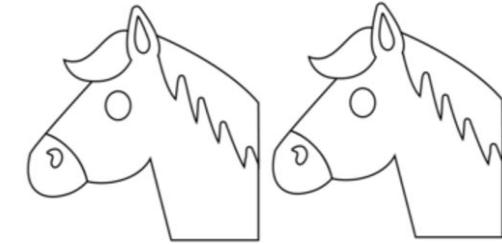
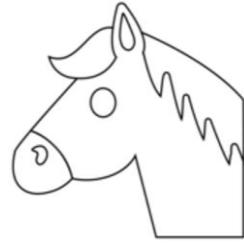
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Equine professionals signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Retain to present at your regional Junior Ambassador meeting

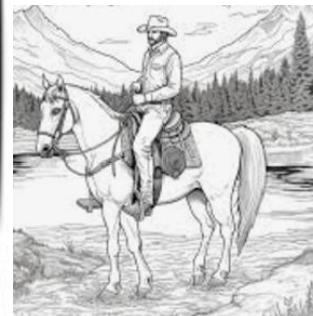
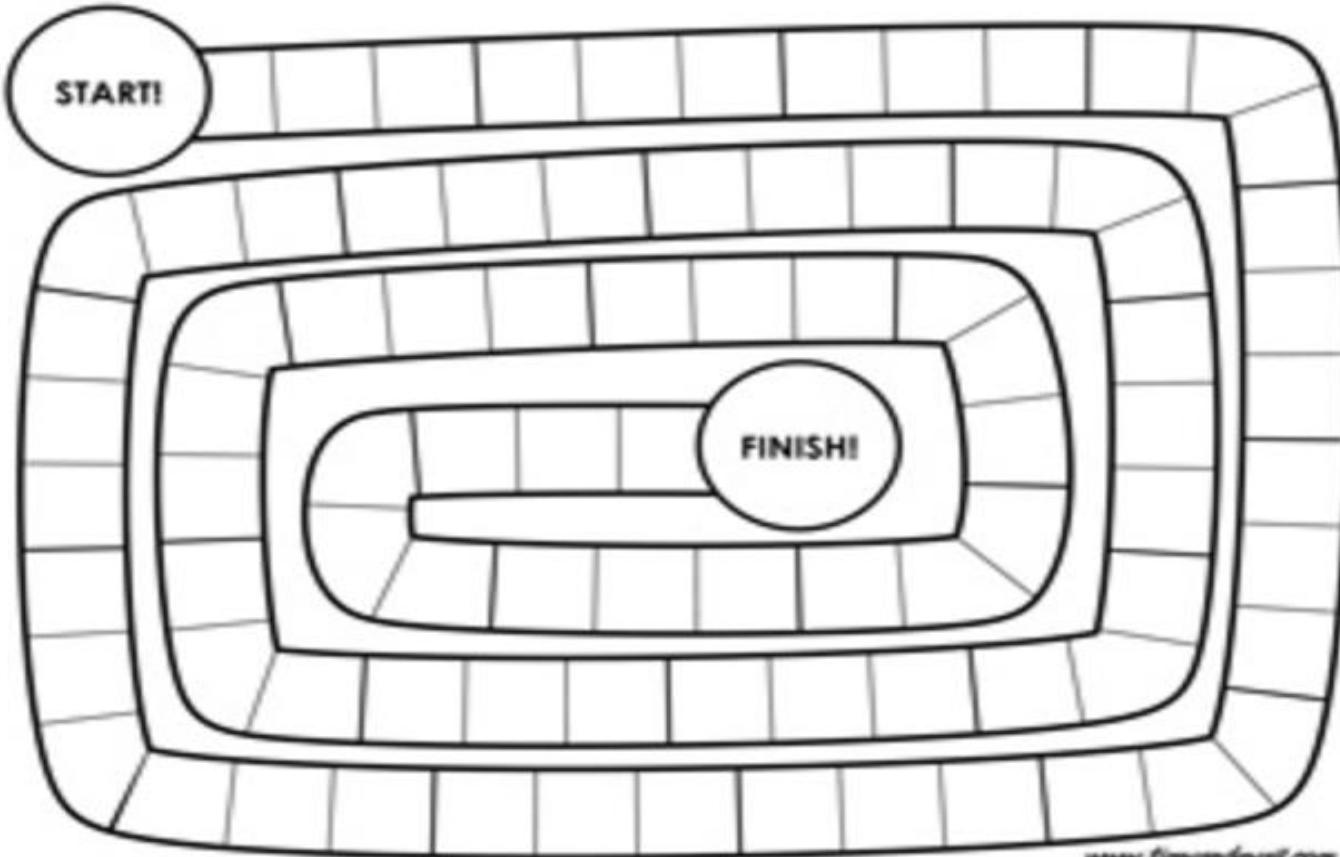


Color in a horse  
head for every 10  
hours with your  
horse



Write your miles of riding in a square  
Track your points for the mileage achieved

0-25 miles = 5 pts  
26-50 miles = 10 pts  
51-75 miles = 15 pts  
76-100 miles = 20 pts  
101-125 miles = 25 pts  
126-150 miles = 30 pts  
151 – 175 miles = 35 pts  
176 - 200 miles = 40 pts



## How do I track my saddle hours or trail mileage?

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Miles Achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

Use this as a guide to create your own tracker in a notebook or on a calendar hanging on your stall.

This is where downloading a tracking app comes in handy!

Remember those little amounts add up into bigger ones!

JUNIOR AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES TRACKER-2025

Suggested activities in the Jr. Ambassadors Information Packet found at [onconline.com/documents/JrAmbassadors/JuniorAmbassadorInformationPacket.pdf](http://onconline.com/documents/JrAmbassadors/JuniorAmbassadorInformationPacket.pdf).

*Parent, Guardian or Sponsor of child in JA program:*

-Use this document to

*JA Chapter Contacts:*

-On or Before July 31, and again on December 31, compile all IA participants by individual and their activity points and give the information to your IA regional office.

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Send the chapter list from your region to Nichole Johnson email: [teamleaders@scholastic.com](mailto:teamleaders@scholastic.com) on or before July 31 than a JA Regional Mentor.

## Jr Ambassador Q & A

**What does show mean on point earning page?** Any event that requires an entry fee. Rodeos, clinics, open shows, 1 pt for fair show, breed shows etc

**Interact at a meeting, what does that mean?** Answer questions that may be asked, contribute to a conversation, lead the pledge

**Will there be an allotted time for the Junior Ambassadors to speak during their Chapter meetings?** Each chapter can determine if they would like to hear from Junior Ambassadors at their chapter meetings.

**Can I submit my entry form via email or text?** Absolutely, as long as it can be read and is clear. These will then be printed for records.

**Can I do my equine professional interviews over the phone?** Yes, but you will need to provide a contact phone number for each professional (form has been updated)

**Will there be shirts available for the JA's?** Yes, they are available on the website under the "shop" icon at the top of the landing page. Ohconline.com

**When can I start to earn points?** JA's can start getting points as of Feb 1 2025 as long as they are listed on a family or youth member ship of OHC & entry form to the Junior Ambassador program is filled out & turned in. Otherwise, points will start once they are a member of OHC & turned in entry form to program.

**I'm having trouble getting the papers to print from OHC website?** Print in landscape

**Who do I turn entry form in to?** Turn entry forms in to your chapter representative so they can verify membership, you will also turn the trackers and point pages into them so they can roll them on up to regional mentors who will send them to Nichole Johnson to be entered into a spread sheet. Email to [jrambassadors@ohconline.com](mailto:jrambassadors@ohconline.com). Put "attention Nichole" in the subject line.

**Our county has funding for youth programs, can we use this as a platform to reward youth in our county?** Absolutely, but remember to turn the points in to Junior Ambassadors too!

**We have 18 year olds in our youth program at the Chapter level, can they participate in the Junior Ambassadors?** No, at the age of 18 they are eligible to have an adult membership in the OHC.

**Can a JA receive extra points by being royalty, meetings and judging in FFA or 4H?** No. They get recognition within each of the programs for attendance and royalty. They will receive 1 JA point for being a member of YEDA, FFA, 4H.

**What points do kids in YEDA get for participating in program?** YEDA members already are recognized in the YEDA program. They will receive 1 JA point for participating.

**How is saddle hours vs mileage tracked?** For every hour in the saddle, you receive 2 miles. Add up your saddle hours to mileage to receive points. Reference the mileage tracker on page 12.

**Will there be a standard for all chapters or will some chapters be more lenient?** All Chapters should follow the same points program. Points are now on all pages.

**Is there a universal tracking sheet?** Yes. It is on the OHC web page in the Documents section for Junior Ambassadors and found in the information packet.

**How often should I turn points in?** Junior Ambassadors can turn in monthly to chapter representatives who can choose to roll them up to Mentors at the end of July and the end of December

**How do Junior Ambassadors report school grades?** These should be submitted in December for start of school year through Dec and then June for January through end of school. Homeschool junior ambassadors just to submit a short paragraph reporting their progress. Both can be done via email to JA regional mentors.

**What does interact with other JA's mean?** This means getting together with other Junior Ambassadors throughout their region. Can be done through parades, activities, events, planned events by JA mentors.

**I have someone wanting to sponsor a youth member for Junior Ambassador program, will insurance cover the sponsor for personal injury?**

No. It is best to have legal waiver signed by guardians of Junior Ambassador.

**Can a youth in the At Large "chapter" participate?**

Yes. When points are calculated and prizes awarded, they will be assigned to the region where they reside. At Large has a mentor: Alyson Scott. email: alyson.james.12.aj@gmail.com or jrambassadors@ohconline.com

**How many youth can a sponsor support?**

No more than 2. It is preferred to have the youth named as a dependent on a family membership, however youth may not have family support, but there must be a guardian sign off on the youth membership and a sponsor.

**Can a 4H club join?**

Only if an individual youth signs up in a family or youth membership. 4H clubs can join OHC as "associate group members" but would not be allowed to join Jr Ambassadors unless they have an OHC family or youth membership.

**How does a youth get signed up for the Jr Ambassador program?**

First, the youth must be a member of OHC either through a family membership (preferred) or a youth membership which requires a parent or guardian signature. Second, the chapter mentor/contact or regional mentor should have the youth fill out an Entry Form and keep it on file as well as send to Nichole Johnson at jrambassadors@ohconline.com to enter into the tracking database that keeps track of each participant and their activity points.

**What is a JA regional mentor?**

Each region has at least 1 or more mentors to oversee the activities of the chapters in the region.

**What is a JA assistant?**

Each regional mentor is encouraged to have an assistant or "sidekick" (a child or grandchild) to help their needed and provide input for changes in program based on feedback from fellow Jr Ambassador participants.

**What is a JA chapter mentor/rep?**

Each chapter should have a designated member to keep track of their chapter's JA success and track the points accumulated and submit to their JA regional mentor for consolidation with other chapters in their region.