



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

- 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.

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?

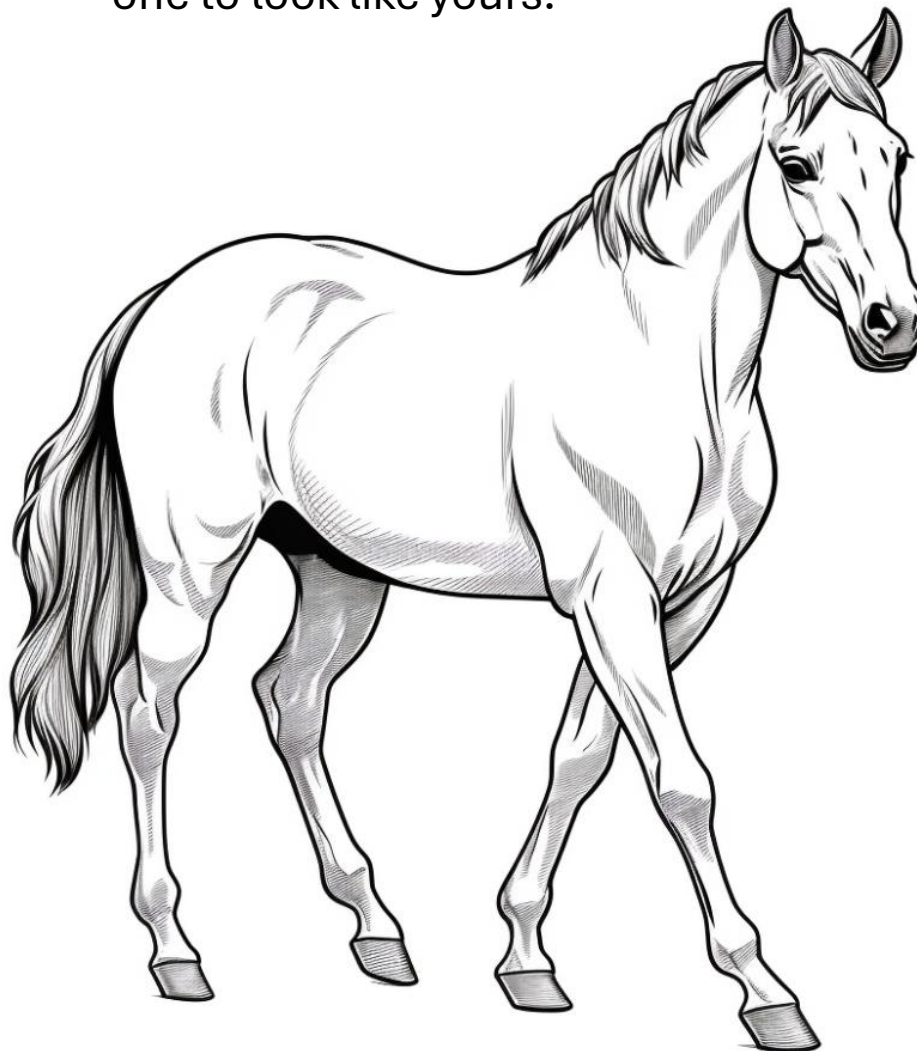
Parent signature: _____

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. ⁵

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

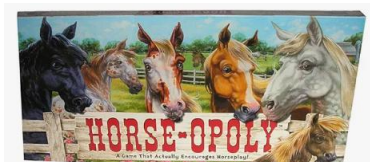


Junior Ambassador with highest points in state will receive a \$250 scholarship

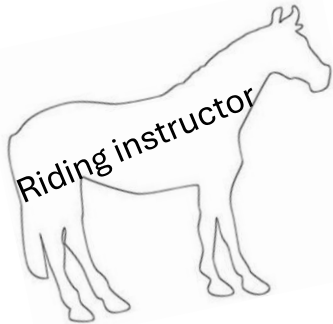
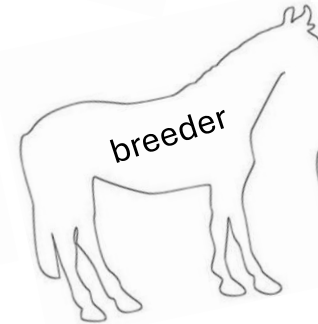
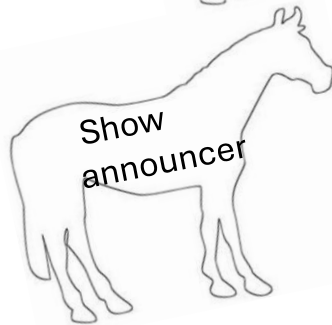
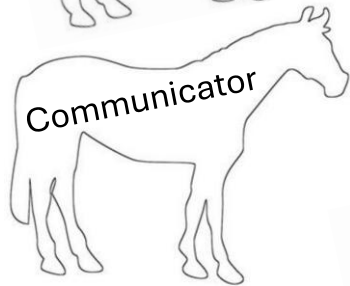
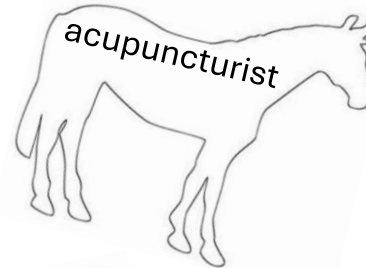
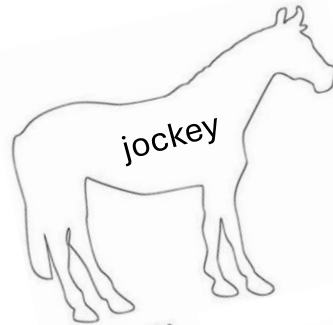
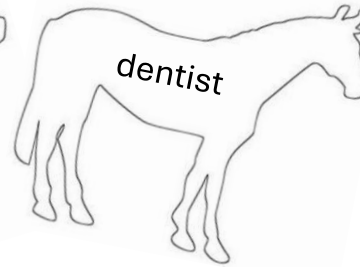
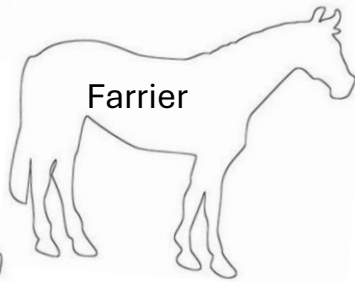


5 Highpoint belt buckles – (1 per region) Achieve most points within your region

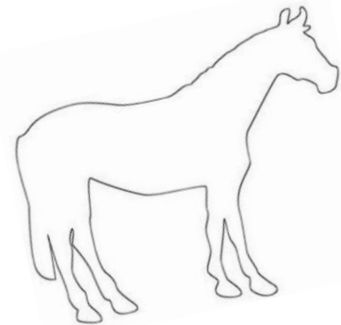
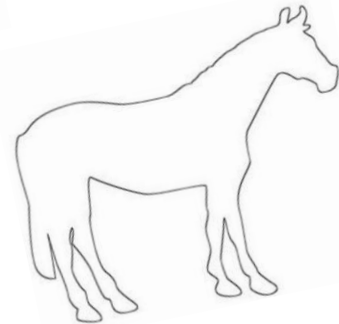
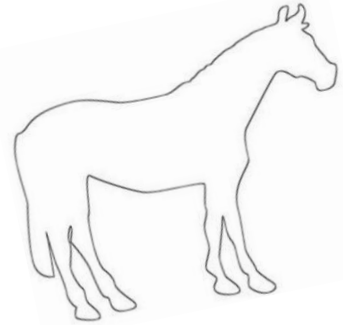
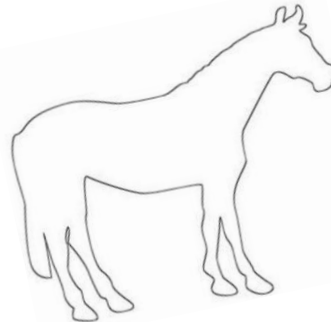
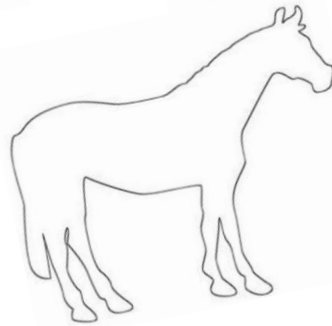
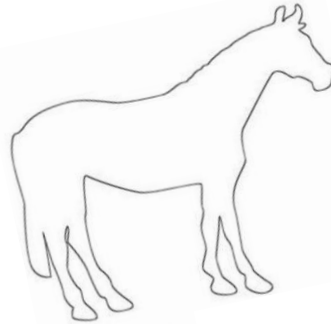
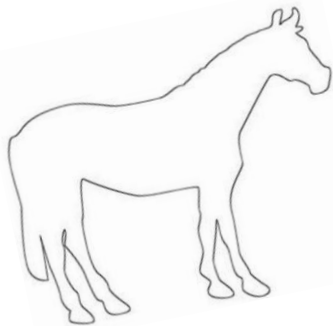
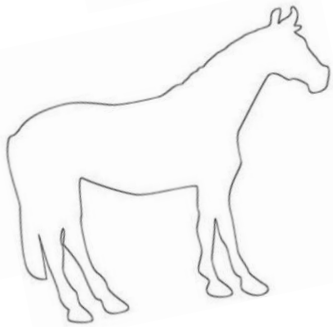
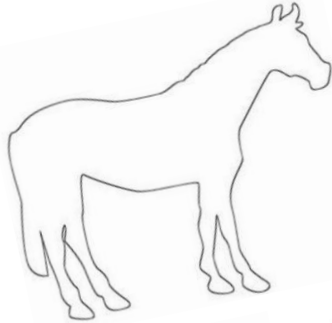
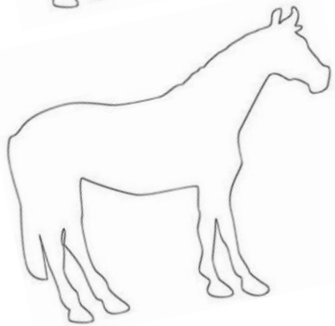
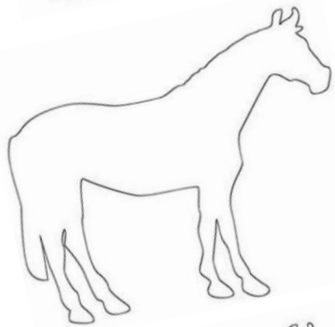
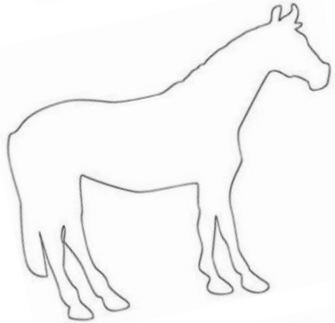
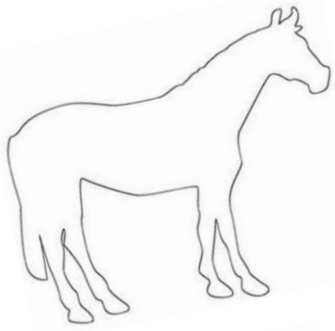
Junior Ambassadors
Will be awarded equine related gifts based on how many points they have earned.



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? _____

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

What are some drawbacks within your profession? _____

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

Equine professionals signature: _____ Date: _____

Retain to present at your regional Junior
Ambassador meeting



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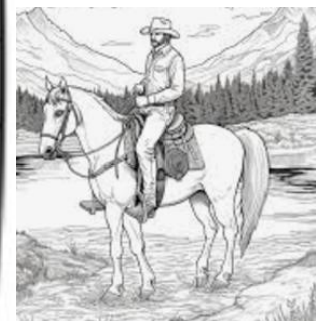
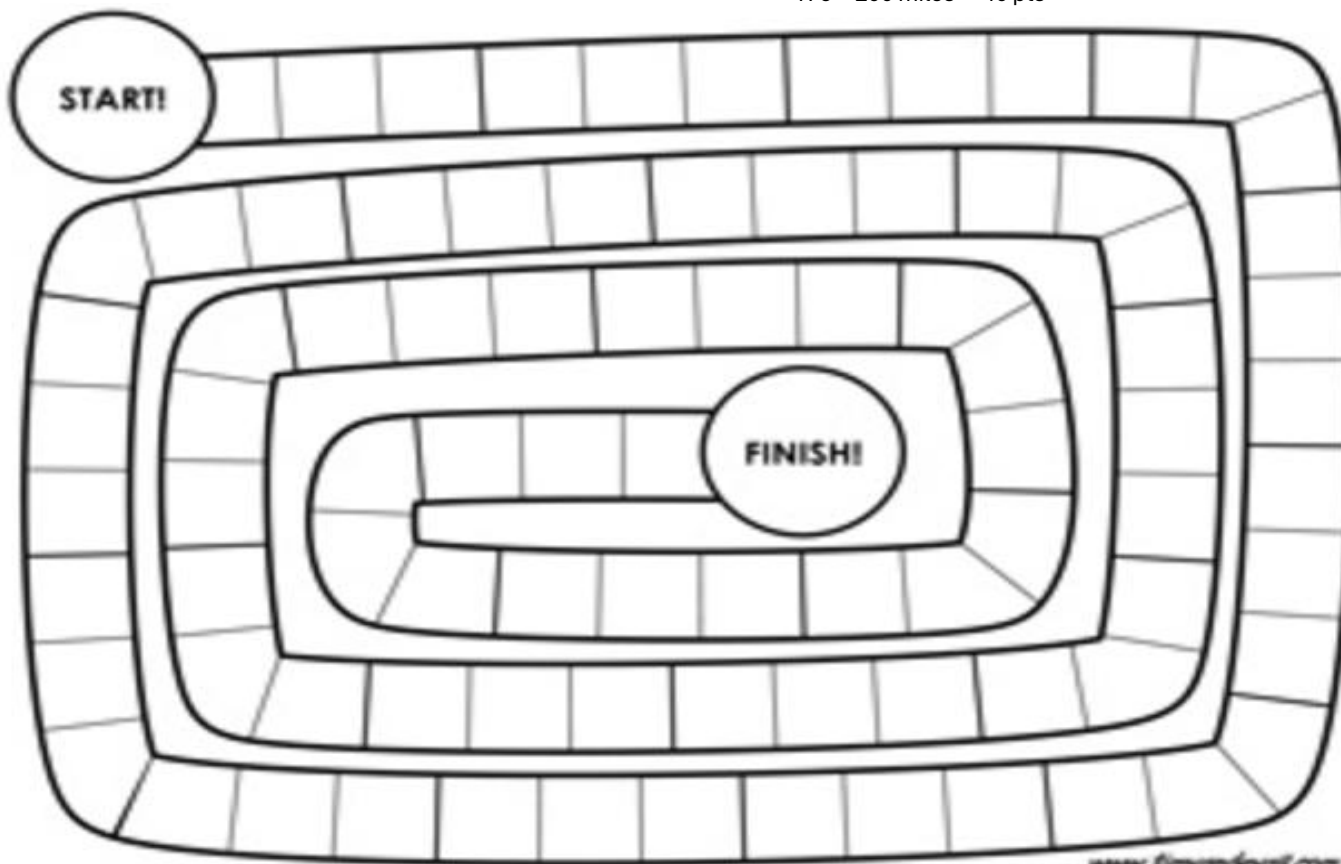


Color in a horse
head for every 10
hours with your
horse



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?

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

Activity: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

Hours: _____

Miles Achieved: _____

This is where
downloading a tracking
app comes in handy!

Remember those little
amounts add up into
bigger ones!

Questions or FMI: email jrambassadors@ohconline.com

Point total 0

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GRAND TOTAL ACTIVITY POINTS for Junior Ambassador participant

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Parent, Guardian or Sponsor of child in JA program:

-Use this document to track each Jr Ambassador's progress as they complete activities. Provide to your JA Chapter Contact on July 31 and December 31.

JJA Chapter Contacts:

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

JJA Regional mentor:

-Send the chapter lists from your region to Nichole Johnson, email: jrambassadors@ohconline.com on or before July 31, then at end of year on December 31.

-July 31 is to determine mid-year progress of the chapter's JA participants. Data shared with committee to determine corrective actions, if needed.

-December 31 is the final day to complete activities. Activity points collected and validated by individual, then rolled up to chapter and region

to establish regional high points (5 - Buckle winners) and state high points (1 - scholarship winner) and other awards.

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 membership 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. 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.