

Jefferson County Horse and Pony Project
Equine Ambassador Competition



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Welcome Note

Welcome to the Equine Ambassador Competition!

The competition is a fun and exciting way to demonstrate your equine and leadership skills. You will meet new people and complete activities that will challenge you at different levels.

This packet includes the information that you need to know in order to compete in the competition.. Read the information carefully so that you understand the requirements for each event. Pay attention to the locations, dates, and times of each event.

If you have any questions, this year I will be your coordinator. I will be happy to answer your questions.

Have a wonderful time. I look forward to seeing you at all the events.

Jessica Pfeifer

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Purpose Statement, Roles and Responsibilities

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Equine Ambassador program is to promote, positively represent and encourage growth of the Jefferson County 4-H Horse and Pony Project.

Roles

The role of the Equine Ambassador is to act as a role model and mentor; and, to provide youth leadership to the members and promote the Jefferson County 4-H Horse and Pony Project..

Responsibilities

- Participate as a Youth Board Member of the Jefferson County 4-H Horse and Pony Project's Board of Directors- designated seat
- Attendance at Horse and Pony Project functions
- Help organize the banquet
- Represent the Project at the Wisconsin State Fair
- Represent the Project at the Wisconsin State Gymkhana Show
- Represent the project at the Wisconsin State Horse Expo
- Participate in other 4-H and community events as requested
- Participate in the spring workshop
- Write Welcome letters to new H&P members
- Report events/activities to the Horse & Pony Project at the County wide meetings monthly.

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Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Equine Ambassador Contest, Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project members must meet the following criteria:

- Be no older than the 12 grade as of January 1 of the current year.
- Be a current member of the Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
- Be able to carry out the responsibilities of the Equine Ambassador throughout the term (July to August)

*Previous winners are ineligible

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Contest Organization

The Contest Organization will consist of:

1. Contest Coordinator(s)
2. Current Ambassador and parent(s)
3. Auditing committee to compile judge's score sheets.
 - A. Consisting of 1 Horse & Pony board member and 1 outside party member (the contest coordinator(s) will be there to answer questions.)
4. Judges-these shall be one or more judges in each division
 - A. Personality and Appearance (personal interview & application)
 - B. Knowledge of the 4-H Horse & Pony handbooks and the horse in general. (Written test)
 - C. Showmanship & Horsemanship (May show will be showmanship, Fair will be horsemanship; using the May judge & Fair judge)
 - D. Demonstration of an Equine related topic at the March county-wide mgt.

*Judges for each division are to be selected and presented to the Horse & Pony Project Committee by the contest coordinator(s). These shall be held in strict confidence..

*All results will be kept in a sealed envelope at the extension office and will be delivered to the coordinator Saturday of fair.

*The Ambassador will be crowned on Saturday evening of County Fair.

*An auditing team will compile the scores of the contestants results of all parts of the competition Saturday of fair.

CONTEST JUDGING

Judging will be conducted in each of the five (5) divisions:

1. County Activities & Participation - 50 points
2. Knowledge (Written Test) - 50 points
3. Application & Interview - 50 points
4. Showmanship & Horsemanship (20 points each)- 40 points
5. Demonstration - 100 points

Total Points Possible - 290 points—————

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Competition Events

APPLICATION & INTERVIEW

This division includes the contestants' application and personal interview. The contestant shall wear neat appearing dress in either Western or English show attire. The aim of this judging is to select the person who rates the highest in the following personality and appearance qualities:

1. Interacts well with others
2. Poise-including proper behavior in all situations
3. Consideration of, and interest in others
4. Neatness and hygiene
5. Posture
6. Projection
7. Good Common Sense
8. Sense of humor and a positive outlook on life
9. Appropriate show attire
10. Community involvement

COUNTY ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION DIVISION

This division will be scored on the contestants' participation in the Jefferson County 4-H Horse and Pony project activities and will be scored like the achievement points system, based on the current year's activities. See attachment on pg 13 for a list to record your participation points.

DEMONSTRATION

Each contestant is required to complete an equine related demonstration in an area of their selection.. Demonstration will be judged on the requirements established by the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Demonstration will be presented at the March County-wide mgt. The Demonstration requirements can be located at <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/horses.cfm>.

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Competition Events Cont.

KNOWLEDGE DIVISION

The aim of this division is to select a person who has sufficient knowledge of the 4-H Horse and Pony Project educational resource books, (horse and horsemanship, and horse science) and the horse in general. These books will be given to each contestant when they turn in their application and must be returned the day of the test.

SHOWMANSHIP & HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION

These shall be done in two (2) go-rounds; the first being held at the May Open Show and the second being held at the County Fair (times to be announced). The May go-round shall be in Showmanship, the pattern will be provided to you by the judge before you compete. The Fair go-round shall be in Horsemanship where the contestant will design their own riding pattern.

The riding pattern will contain riding elements that reflect their riding expertise. The judge may ask the rider to add elements or may engage in an oral question and answer session before or after riding the pattern. The contestant will need to supply a copy for the judge and the committee the day of the show. (total of 2 copies)

Each contestant will show their horse in any of the following styles:

1. Western
2. Hunt Seat
3. Saddle Seat
4. Driving

They must show in the appropriate tack and attire for both go-rounds. Each contestant must use the same horse in both go-rounds (substitution of the horse is only with the written verification from a veterinarian of unsoundness). Equal time will be permitted for each contestant.

****SHOULD AN UNFAIR SITUATION ARISE THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE CONTESTANT, THE JUDGES MAY GRANT A RE-RIDE.**

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Competition Events

Date/ Time	Activity	Location
March 1 st of current year	Application Due	Jessica Pfeifer N2726 Mehring Rd. Jefferson, WI 53549
March 18 th of current year	Demonstration	County Mgt Fair grounds
June—Date to be announced	Written Test	UW-Extension room 8 & 9 864 Collins Rd. Jefferson, WI 53549
June-Date to be announced	Interview	UW-Extension room 12 864 Collins Rd. Jefferson, WI 53549
4-H Open Show	Showmanship go-round	Fair Grounds May Show
July-at fair	Horsemanship go-round	Fair Grounds County Fair
July-at fair after showing is complete	Crowning	Fair Grounds County Fair

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Contact Information

For more information about the Equine Ambassador Competition, please contact the following coordinator(s).

Jessica Pfeifer
N2726 Mehring Rd.
Jefferson, WI 53549
(920)285-0513

UW-Extension Office
864 Collins Rd.
Jefferson, WI 53549
(920) 674- 7295

Current Equine Ambassador name and address can be found on the website.

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Application Due March 1st

Name _____
(First)(Middle)(Last)

Address _____
(Street)(City)(Zip)

Phone _____ Grade (as of Jan1) _____ Birth date _____

Circle one: Male Female Completed 4-H Project Years _____

Parent's/Guardians' Name _____

School _____ E-mail _____

Club _____

General/Project Leader _____ Contact number _____

Directions: You may handwrite your application or use a separate sheet(s) of paper. Please use additional paper if necessary.

Describe your involvement, past and present, in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project.
Please be specific.

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Describe your involvement in other 4-H projects and programs?

Describe the activities that you are involved in outside of 4-H; such as at school and in the community.

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Why would you like to be the Equine Ambassador? Include what you hope to accomplish as the Equine Ambassador and your goals for the Horse and Pony Project.

Describe any other information you would like to include about yourself and family.

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Contest Judging Sheet

Activity (2 points per activity)	YES	NO
1. Card sale set up		
2. Stall set up		
3. May open show-volunteer		
4. November banquet set up		
5. Fair Volunteer		
6. Cheese sale Participation		
7. Stall cleaning		
8. Sponsorships		
9. Horseless horse buddy		
10. Participation in drill team		
11. Judging team		
12. Horse Bowl team		
13. Midwest Horse Fair Hippology/ Judging		
14. County Horse judging		
15.. County Horse Hippology		
16.. County Horse poster/painting/ drawing/photography		
17. County speech/ demo in addition to required demo		
18. County meetings (1 point Per meeting)		
19. Spring Workshop		
20. Monday night lessons participation		
21.. Participation on a sub committee		