

## WAHA Youth Achievement Awards Program

The purpose of the Youth Achievement Award Program is to recognize youth members of WAHA who show Arabians and Half-Arabians in Open, WIHA, and 4-H shows, along with recognizing those that improve their horsemanship skills through clinics, volunteer work, and other Horsemaster activities.

1. A \$5 original (first year only) nomination fee for the initial registration shall be charged for each youth and horse combination or for each horsemaster youth participant. Forms and registration fees must be mailed to the youth achievement chair and postmarked prior to the contestant's first show or non-competitive activity.
2. Each youth shall pay a \$5 annual recording fee to remain in the program. The annual recording fee must be mailed to the point secretary and postmarked prior to the contestant's first show or activity of the year.
3. Each youth must be a member of WAHA and may show any horse registered with the Arabian Horse Registry, Canadian Arabian Registry or International Arabian Horse Association, regardless of ownership.
4. Separate nomination forms and fees shall be submitted for each youth and horse combination or each non-competitive youth participant.
5. No participant can be more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current competition year.
6. For recognition, the horse must be continually shown by the youth that entered it. Points need not be earned all in one year.
7. Entry shall be made in the name of the contestant and the parent or legal guardian must sign the entry.
8. An official point sheet shall be maintained by each contestant and must be signed by the show secretary of each show and be accompanied by a show bill/flyer. Horsemaster activities must have the point sheet signed by the person in charge of the activity. Point sheets must be mailed to the point secretary and postmarked no later than 30 days after each show or activity.
9. Only mares and geldings are eligible to compete for youth halter and performance awards.
10. Awards will be distributed annually at the WAHA Awards Banquet in the year that the youth has achieved his/her award.

**Point System:** Only open, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Horse Association, and 4-H shows qualify to be counted for points for this program. Youth who show in US Equestrian (formerly USEF) shows should enter the AHA Amateur Achievement Award Program. To enroll, sign up on the AHA website at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org) or call AHA at 303-696-4500.

**Points will be awarded on the following basis:**

Number of Horses	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
1-3	0.5			
4 – 7	1			
8 – 12	2	1		
13 – 17	3	2	1	
18 & Over	4	3	2	1

Dressage/Western Dressage	
60-64%	0.5
64.1-69%	1
70%+	2
Points double after 2 <sup>nd</sup> level and above	

Championship classes must be designated as such and will be awarded double the amount of points above. Points earned at a State 4-H Expo and WIHA State are:

Champion – 10 points

Reserve Champion – 5 points

Top Ten – 2 points

For questions regarding classes and points that don't fall into the above categories, please reach out to the competition chair.

## Competitive Awards

**Youth Merit Award:** 30 Points in any combination of events

**Youth Combination Merit Award:** 45 points in any combination of events with at least 15 points in hand/showmanship/sport horse in hand and not less than 15 points under saddle

**Outstanding Youth Performance Award:** At least 60 points earned in one specific performance event.

**Superior Award of Merit:** At least 75 points earned in any combination of events with not less than 30 points earned in showmanship/halter and not less than 30 points earned in performance.

**Masters Award of Merit:** At least 100 points earned in any combination of events with not less than 40 earned in showmanship/halter and not less than 40 earned in performance.

## Horsemaster Awards

**Horsemaster Merit Award:** 30 points earned in at least two categories

**Outstanding Horsemaster Award:** 60 points in at least three categories

**Superior Horsemaster Award:** 100 points in at least three categories

### Horsemaster Merit Categories:

1. Help at an open or 4-H show
  - A. Help run the show – 2 points per show per day
  - B. Help an individual by grooming – 1 point per show per day
2. Participate in a handicapped riding program (SMILES, REINS, HPHC, etc)
  - A. Help as a leader or sidewalker – ½ point per hour
  - B. Handicapped youth riding in a program – 1 point per hour
3. Participate in a county 4-H activity – 1 point per meeting
4. Attend a WAHA clinic – 3 points per clinic
5. Participate in a county Quiz Bowl, Hippology or Judging Team – 1 point per meeting attended

6. Participate in a WAHA sponsored Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Judging Team or Poster Contest – 2 points per activity
7. Enter any non-horse fair or State Expo activity (poster, photo, model horse, etc) – 2 points per contest
8. Help at a WAHA sponsored show
  - A. Help run/volunteer with show staff – 3 points per show per day
  - B. Help an individual by grooming – 2 points per show per day
9. Enter and participate in an AHA sponsored youth like the essay contest, Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Judging Team, etc – 5 points per activity