**SOUTHERN STATES LLAMA ASSOCIATION (SSLA) YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD**

The SSLA Youth Ambassador Award is earned by youth who are members of SSLA who qualify as a youth under the SSLA guidelines. The youth and llamas who participate in public relations events and educate a group or the public about llamas may earn Youth Ambassador points. **The deadline for submission is the second Friday in February each year**. Please submit to the SSLA Youth Ambassador chair listed on the SSLA website.

Requirements of a Youth and a Llama are:

1. **Any Youth and Llama** may earn Youth Ambassador points by making a public appearance to any School, Retail Store, Parade (as a participant), Trail Maintenance, Road Clean-up, Nursing Home, Hospital, or any other Medical Facility, Habitat for Humanity, farm tours, or helping with any other community event, community service, or llama industry event covering public interactions, which will help to promote and educate the public on the versatility of llamas for community service. At no time may fees be collected for compensation.
2. **Any Youth** who do presentations to a civic, educational, or community group, such as Rotary, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, and similar groups may earn Youth Ambassador points. Talking to your neighbors about llamas or the postal delivery person does not count. This should be a presentation. At no time may fees be collected for compensation.

The Youth will receive their award based on how many public appearances/interactions they make during their years as a youth.

* **They will receive 1 point** for every appearance/interaction and **5 points for every show** (if a youth does multiple divisions at a show the youth will receive **a maximum of 7 points per show**). **Showing more than 1 animal does not add extra points**.
* No points will be given for travel or stops to and from shows or events.
* The SSLA Youth Ambassador Chairperson will keep records of the candidates for this award, but it is also the responsibility of the Youth to keep up with their records.
* To be eligible for the award:
	+ the Youth must be a member of SSLA who qualify as a youth under the SSLA guidelines
	+ the SSLA Youth Ambassador Award Appearance Form must be signed by the Youth Leader, Community Representative, or the Facility where the presentation/event took place.
	+ The SSLA Youth Ambassador will submit the completed form to the youth chairperson with 4-5 images total.
	+ The event **dates for this award are January 1 to December 31** each year.
	+ This is a **Cumulative Point Award,** and the youth must apply yearly to receive their points.
	+ Awards will be awarded once per level at the SSLA Conference each year.

The awards are as follows:

* PARTICIPATION YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: Turn in at least one event •
* BRONZE YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: 25 Points
* SILVER YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: 50 Points
* GOLD YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: 75 Points
* PLATINUM YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: 100 Points
* ELITE YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: 200 Points
* ULTIMATE YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD: 300+ Points