

## WAHA Youth Achievement Awards Program

The purpose of these awards is to recognize youth members of WAHA who show Arabians and Half-Arabians in Open and 4-H shows. A youth may compete in **either** the Competitive Award category or in the Non-Competitive Award category, but not in both.

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 non-competitive youth participant. Forms and registration fees must be mailed to the point secretary 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 17 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. Non-competitive 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 10 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 and 4-H shows qualify to be counted for points for this program. Youth who show in USA Equestrian (formerly AHSA) Class A or B 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>
4 – 7	1			
8 – 12	2	1		
13 – 17	3	2	1	
18 & Over	4	3	2	1

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** are:

- Champion – 12 points
- Reserve Champion – 8 points
- Top Ten – 6 points

## Competitive Awards

**Showmanship/Halter Merit Award:** At least 30 points earned in showmanship and/or halter classes exclusively.

**Western Pleasure/Stock Seat Equitation Merit Award:** At least 30 points earned in Western Pleasure and/or Stock Seat Equitation or Horsemanship classes.

**English Pleasure/Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat Equitation Merit Award:** At least 30 points earned in Country English Pleasure, English Pleasure or Hunter Pleasure and/or Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat Equitation classes.

**Gymkhana/Trail Merit Award:** At least 30 points earned in any combination of gymkhana events and/or trail classes.

**Youth Combination Merit Award:** At least 45 points earned in any halter, showmanship or performance events. Not less than 15 points in performance and not less than 15 points in halter/showmanship events.

**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.

**Annual Youth High Point Awards:** Year end awards to the 10 youth/horse combinations who score the highest number of points within the current competition year (November 1 through October 31).

## Non-Competitive Awards

**Non-Competitive Merit Award:** This award is available only to non-horse showing youth members of WAHA. A youth choosing to enter this category may **not** enter the Competitive Awards category. At least 30 points must be earned in at least two of the following activities.

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, 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 the show – 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

**Non-Competitive High Point Awards:** A year-end award to the 10 youth who score the highest number of points in Non-Competitive activities within the current program year (November 1 through October 31).

