



**Appaloosa Youth Association
Overseas Exchange Program Application
2010**

Submit completed application to:
AYA Youth Exchange Program
2720 W. Pullman Road
Moscow, Idaho 83843

A program of the Appaloosa Horse Club

Instructions for AYA Youth Exchange Application

This Appaloosa Youth Association Overseas Exchange Program ("program") is designed to allow a selected group of Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA) members from Europe and other countries to visit the United States, be hosted by a family in the U.S. for one week, and compete at the Appaloosa Youth World Championships. This program is also designed for a selected group of AYA members from the United States to visit Europe, be hosted by a European family for one week and compete in the European Appaloosa Championship Show.

U.S. Appaloosa Youth World Championship Show: June 2010
Southern European Championship Show: August 2010 Austria

Applicant Guidelines:

Applicants must be current members in good standing of the AYA, and must be between the ages of 14-18 as of January 1, 2010. Applicants must have experience exhibiting at shows, and be knowledgeable about horses and horse care. The ApHC Board of Directors will establish a selection criteria and applicants will be selected for participation by a board committee. Applicants will be notified by mail and telephone.

Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange:

Applicants agree to pay all costs of transportation, passport and visa. Applicants must agree to purchase round-trip airfare for themselves before departing their home country. They must agree to abide by the rules of the program, and accept advice and supervision of their host family. Applicants must be covered by health care insurance acceptable to ApHC and shall provide proof of insurance with their application. Applicants also agree to pay costs for their own health care and emergency costs, should the need arise.

While staying with the host family, applicants are expected to assist with the day-to-day equine chores of the host family, since special time is being taken out of normal equine activities to assist the visiting applicant. The applicant will be expected to help out with general duties at the horse show as well.

Applicants are expected to practice, to be on time for lessons and willing to take part in expected duties and activities, and to have a positive attitude.

Any family or guardian choosing to travel with the youth will be responsible for their own expenses - airfare, lodging, meals, etc.

What the Appaloosa Horse Club will provide:

The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) will cover entry fees for up to three classes per applicant at the Appaloosa Youth World Show or Southern European Appaloosa Championship Show. The ApHC will pay for one horse's stall during the show if the horse will be used exclusively by the applicant.

The ApHC will waive the ownership rule for the youth participating in the exchange program so they can show a horse without filing a transfer. ApHC will also pay for a hotel room for the applicant while at the Youth World Show/Southern European Championships as well as provide a per diem amount to cover meals and incidental expenses.

Host Family Responsibilities:

The host family will be responsible for picking up the applicant from the airport. The host will provide a place to stay and provide meals for the applicant while visiting. The host family will be expected to provide lessons for the youth and provide a horse(s) for the youth to use at the Youth World Show/Southern European Championships.

All efforts will be made to match the show discipline of the host and applicant. The host family will supply the visiting youth with appropriate show halters, bridles, saddles/pads, and other necessary tack for use during the show. The host family will provide domestic transportation for the applicant to the Youth World Show/Southern European Championships.

Interested hosts will be selected through an application process, must submit references, and will be subject to a background check.

Application Checklist:

- Personal Information** pages *completed*
- Guarantee Form** *signed* by applicant and parents/legal guardians
- Letters** *completed* and **photo** *attached*
- Declaration Page** *signed*

Deadline for international members to attend ApHC Youth World: April 30

Deadline for U.S. members to attend Southern European Championships: May 15



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Personal Information

1. Applicant Information

Full Legal Name as it appears on passport or birth certificate (use all capital letters for your FAMILY name)		Preferred Name	Gender
			<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Home Address – Street			AYA Member Number
City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	E-mail	
Date of Birth (Jan/01/2009)	Place of Birth (City, State/Province, Country)		Citizen of (Country)

2. Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Full Name of Father/Legal Guardian				Full Name of Mother/Legal Guardian			
Home Address – Street				Home Address – Street			
City	State/Prov.	Postal Code	Country	City	State/Prov.	Postal Code	Country
E-mail				E-mail			
Home Phone		Mobile Phone		Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
ApHC Member #		Fax		ApHC Member #		Fax	
Parent/Legal Guardian to contact first in the event of an emergency:							

3. Personal Background

a. Do you have any dietary restrictions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please explain (vegetarian, allergies, etc.)
b. How many years have you been involved with Appaloosa Showing?	
c. What equine disciplines do you compete in?	

4. School Information (U.S. residents only)

Name of School you currently attend		
Address – Street		
City	State	ZIP
Phone	Fax	
Your year in school: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		



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Guarantee Form

Full Legal Name as it appears on passport or birth certificate
(use all capital letters for your FAMILY name)

APPLICANT GUARANTEE: I, the applicant named above, agree to do the following: (1) Purchase round-trip air travel before I depart my home country; (2) abide by the rules and decisions of the program; (3) represent the Appaloosa Youth Association with a positive attitude and willingness to learn.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN GUARANTEE: We, the parents/legal guardians of the above named applicant, agree to do the following for our youth: (1) Pay all costs of international transportation, passport and visa; (2) maintain health and accident insurance as required under program guidelines; (3) pay any health and accident costs incurred for the youth; (3) pay additional, personal costs as circumstances arise.

Signed (Applicant)	Date (Jan/01/2010)
Signed (Father/Guardian)	Date (Jan/01/2010)
Signed (Mother/Guardian)	Date (Jan/01/2010)

ALTERNATE EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name		Relationship	
Address – Street			
City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Business Phone	E-mail



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Letters & Photo

Applicant's Letter

Write a letter introducing yourself to your future host family. Keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. Incorporate your answers to the following questions, providing as much detail as possible (if you need help generating details, also consider the questions in parenthesis).

Type your letter on a separate sheet of paper, and attach it to your application. Maximum length: 3 pages.

1. How would you describe your horse, or horses you show? (*Appearance, attitude, age? What experience does your horse have? How many points (if any) has your horse earned? Do you own/exhibit more than one horse? Do you only exhibit appaloosa horses, or do you also show other breeds?*)
2. How would you describe your show experience? (*Have you been showing for years? Have you just started showing appaloosas? What kinds of classes have you exhibited in? What goals are you working towards?*)
3. What are your interests and accomplishments?
4. What do you feel are your strong, and weak, characteristics?
5. What trips have you taken outside your country? Why did you take these trips, for how long, and with whom?
6. What things do you dislike? (*Do you dislike certain foods, animals, treatment by other people, etc.?*)
7. How would you describe your home community?
8. How would you describe your family? (*Do you have any siblings or pets?*)



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Declaration Page

RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

IN CONSIDERATION of the acceptance of the applicant and participation of the applicant in this program, the undersigned APPLICANT and his/her PARENTS or LEGAL GUARDIANS (herein collectively referred to as "Releasor"), to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify all host parents and members of their families (herein collectively referred to as "Releasee"), and all members, officers, directors, agents, committee members, volunteers, participants and employees of the host parents and members of their families and of the Appaloosa Horse Club from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury, or death, including any such liability that may arise out of any negligent act or omission, excepting gross negligence or intentional conduct, of any Releasee, which may be suffered or claimed by such applicant, parent, or guardian during, or as a result of, the participation by the applicant in such Youth Exchange program, including travel to and from the host country and including:

1. RELEASOR acknowledges that equestrian activity entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to RELEASOR, to property, or to third parties. RELEASOR understands that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

The risks include, but are not limited to: The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, sudden movement, from objects, persons, or other animals certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions, collisions with other equines or objects, the potential of another participant or person to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to RELEASOR, or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal, or not acting within his or her ability.

Furthermore, RELEASEE seeks safety, but RELEASEE is not infallible. RELEASEE might be unaware of RELEASOR'S or participant'S fitness or abilities. RELEASEE might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. RELEASEE may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. RELEASOR expressly agrees and promises to accept and assume all of the risks existing in equine-related activity. RELEASOR'S participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and RELEASOR elects to participate in spite of the risks.

3. RELEASOR hereby voluntarily agrees to release, discharge, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify RELEASEE from any and all claims, complaints, demands, or causes of action, for any injury or damage whatsoever which are in any way connected with RELEASOR'S participation in this activity or RELEASOR'S use of RELEASEE'S equipment, land, or facilities, including any such claims, complaints, demands or causes of action which allege negligent acts or omissions of RELEASEE, unless such injury or damage arises from the sole negligence of RELEASEE.

4. Should RELEASEE be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, RELEASOR agrees to hold them harmless and indemnify RELEASEE for all such fees and costs.

5. RELEASOR certifies that RELEASOR has adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage caused by or suffered while participating in any equine-related activity, or else RELEASOR agrees to bear the costs of such injury or damage to RELEASOR. RELEASOR further certifies that RELEASOR has no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with RELEASOR'S safety in this activity, or else RELEASOR willingly assumes, and bears the cost of, all risks, known or unanticipated, that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

By signing this document, RELEASOR acknowledges that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during RELEASOR'S participation in this activity, RELEASOR may be found by a court of law to have waived any right to maintain a lawsuit against RELEASEE on the basis of any claim from which RELEASOR has released RELEASEE herein.

RELEASOR has had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. RELEASOR has read and understood, and RELEASOR agrees to be bound by its terms.

COMPLIANCE WITH PROGRAM RULES

As the undersigned applicant and undersigned parents or legal guardians of the applicant, we hereby state that we have read and understand the Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange. Should I, as an applicant, be selected for an exchange, I agree to abide by these rules and others imposed on me with due notice during my time in the host country.

PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL CARE

We, the parents/legal guardians of the applicant, and I, the applicant if of legal age, who have the sole and legal right to make the decisions on the health and care of the applicant, so release from liability and grant permission as noted of the following while our son/daughter/ward is overseas as a participant in the Youth Exchange Program:

- In the event of accident or sickness, we/I authorize representatives of the Appaloosa Horse Club and/or the host family to select the appropriate medical facility and physician(s)/dentist(s) to provide treatment.
- We/I consent to any medical or surgical treatment by a licensed physician, surgeon or dentist that might be required by our son/daughter/ward for any emergency situation. We do request to be notified as soon as possible, but emergency treatment need not be delayed to provide such notice.

We agree to hold harmless the Appaloosa Horse Club, any Appaloosa Horse Club International Affiliate, any Director, Officer, or Employee of the Appaloosa Horse Club, or host family for any intervention in an emergency situation regardless of final outcome.

We agree to assume all financial obligations beyond those covered by insurance for any medical treatment rendered.

Applicant (print name)	Signature
Mother/Legal Guardian (print name)	Signature
Father/Legal Guardian (print name)	Signature

Dated this _____ day of _____ month, _____ year.