

Appaloosa Youth Foreign Exchange Program

Deadline to attend Southern European Championship: May 15

Deadline to attend ApHC Youth World Championship: April 30

Guidelines and Responsibilities

This 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 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 a week and compete in the European Championships.

Guidelines:

Any youth interested in participating in this youth foreign exchange program will be asked to fill out an application to be chosen for this program. Each applicant must be a current member of the Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA)

Responsibilities of the youth:

The youth and the youth's parents/guardians are expected to pay for the airfare and miscellaneous spending money while they are visiting the US or Europe. It is suggested that they plan a fundraiser to assist them with there travel costs.

While staying with the host family, the youth are expected to assist with the day to day farm chores of the farm/family they are being hosted by, especially since special time is being taken out of normal farm days to work with the visiting youth. The youth will be expected to help out with general duties expected of them at the horse show (Youth World show/Southern European Championships) as well.

The youth participating in this exchange program are expected to be practiced, to be in time for lessons and willing to take part in expected duties as well as have a good attitude.

Youth interested in applying for this program must be a member of the Appaloosa Youth Association.

Any family or guardian traveling with the youth will be responsible for their own expenses; airfare, hotel, meals, etc.

What the Appaloosa Horse Club will cover:

The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) will cover up to three classes per youth at the Appaloosa Youth World Show as well as up to three classes at the Southern European Championships. The ApHC will pay for the horse's stall if it a horse being used exclusively by the visiting youth, and not a shared horse with other Youth or Non-Pro or shown in the Open show. The ApHC will waive the ownership rule for the youth participating in the exchange program so they can show a horse without transferring. USLGE will cover the hotel room for the participating youth while the youth are at the Youth World Championships as well as their meals and a minimal per diem while they are at the Youth World Championships.

Hosts Responsibilities:

The host will be responsible for picking up the youth from the airport. The host will provide a place to stay and meals for the youth while visiting for one week prior to the Youth World Show/Southern European Championship. The host will be expected to give lessons to the youth and provide a horse(s) for the youth to use at the Youth World Championships / Southern European Championships. The youth should be surveyed as to their preferences in classes for they can be paired with horses that perform in those categories. In some cases the youth might need assistance with attire. In the past people were very kind and willing to loan an outfit to the visiting youth from Europe. The host is asked to allow the visiting youth the borrow show halters, show bridles, saddles/pads, etc for the shows as it is difficult to travel with all of these items. The host family will be asked provide transportation by allowing the participating youth to the travel with them to the Youth Worlds / Southern European Championship show.

This is not a for-profit exchange program so it is asked that the host family be willing to lend their time, housing, horses, equipment, etc to the participating youth. We ask that the hosts and youth please keep in mind the wonderful opportunity this will be for all participating.

The Appaloosa Horse Club will not be and can not be held liable for any thing to do with this program.