

AYA Declaration of Candidacy

Hello again!!

My name is Sierra Kane, I am your current Appaloosa Youth Association Vice President. I am 16 years old and I live in Felton, Delaware. I am a junior at Lake Forest High School. I am running for my second term as a Board of Directors member for the Appaloosa Youth Association. I have been serving as a representative of Territory 5 for the past two years, as well as being active in my high school's FFA Chapter and the Secretary of my local 4-H club on top of



being a frequent competitor on the Appaloosa circuit. I would like to continue to get the regional youth involved in the association, raise more funds to support the Appaloosa Youth Association, and support the breed for future members.

I would be honored to serve you for another term and I would be honored to receive your vote as well.

Thank you,

Sierra Kane

Lydia George

Statement of Qualifications:

For the past year, I have been on the board of directors for the ApHC Youth Association. This has been an educational experience that has taught me the importance of teamwork, dedication, and consideration. Though I would not call myself an expert at these skills, the AYA has shown me how to use these in order to make the equine world a better place, specifically in the Appaloosa Horse Club. Although I have been a director for the past year, this is not the only reason why I am qualified to hold this position again.

I have had multiple leadership positions, both in school and in extracurricular activities. Some of these include 4H, an ambassador for my school, being a member of the S.A.I.L. Leadership team, and being a member of a sports team. Many people describe me as caring, dedicated, hardworking, and trustworthy. If I am re-elected to the Board of Directors, you will see these characteristics at work.

Statement of Purpose:

If I am reelected to the AYA Board of Directors, there are a few goals I want to accomplish during my term. One of these objectives is to create a newsletter for all of the members. Where I am located, there are not many people around who have Appaloosa horses. I always wished that there was a way I could contact other people and keep up with news around the country. If there was a newsletter, either an electronic or a mailed version, I think there would be a lot more participation in the club. Another goal of mine is to spark more youth participation in other parts of the club besides showing, racing, etc. An idea of mine is to start having monthly contests, such as photography, writing, or any other forms of competition the board members can create. The objective of this is to involve those who are not able to compete during certain times of the year. These are two of my main objectives, but if I am elected, I will definitely dedicate my mind to thinking of more ways to make the AYA even more enjoyable for all its members.



Maisen Gores

Qualifications

I believe that I am qualified to become an Appaloosa Youth Board of Director because I am an extroverted people person with a love for horses. I have considered becoming a director for a couple of years, but was too young. I am old enough now and believe that I would be able to fit the needs of the Territory III Director. I have attended the Appaloosa Youth Worlds for the past eight years and plan on going until I graduate. If I were to become a leader, I would help with the ice cream social and the water balloon fight. Not only do I enjoy being around others, but I am not afraid to speak publicly. I participate in the AYA speech contest annually. This past year I took second and won in 2017. I am capable of handling larger responsibilities as well. In my local 4-H club, I was the Vice President for two years and a member of the National Junior Honor Society at my high school. I have maintained a 4.00 GPA since middle school and plan on keeping it that way through hard work and persistence. I am easy to work with and hope to develop lasting friendships with fellow leaders, which is why I am very excited to apply for this position.

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During my electoral period, I would do as much as I could to get more youth involved in the activities at the Youth World Show. I would encourage all of my youth club members to participate in the speech contest by informing them of the awards they could possibly win if they compete in the egg toss and wheelbarrow race. I would also personally invite my barn to the parade at the end of the week. If the Idaho retreat were to happen this year, I would help fundraise in my community to help anyone who wanted to go by running the local brat stand in my community. Even though my schedule can become a little chaotic, I would always make time for our conference calls by prioritizing this task as one of my top responsibilities. As a leader, I want to achieve the experience of belonging to something larger than just my local groups. This is just the tip of the iceberg of what I would like to achieve throughout the next two years.