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WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW JUNIOR COMMITTEE & YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM Sponsored by Signature Academics One-To-One School

The 67th Annual Washington International Horse Show will be held October 20-26, 2025, at the Show Place Arena, in Upper Marlboro, MD. The WIHS Regional Horse Show will be held October 16-19, 2025, located in Upperville, Virginia.

Since 2009, the WIHS Junior Committee and Youth Ambassador Program, sponsored by Signature Academics, One-To-One School engages local teens to represent the show and support WIHS staff while gaining hands-on experience. This community-focused program is gearing up to welcome Junior Committee members and new Youth Ambassadors to the 2025 show. WIHS is excited to continue its partnership with Signature Academics One-To-One School as sponsor of the Junior Committee. Signature Academics One-To-One School specializes in supporting equestrian student-athletes as they train, travel, and compete. This year only 30 applicants will be accepted, 3 who will be named Youth Ambassadors.

Requirements:

- All applicants must be local, Maryland, Washington DC, or Virginia area students **between the ages of 14 and 18 as of April 1st**.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they are interested in the horse world and be able to articulate clearly when asked questions about WIHS and related activities.
- Applicants should demonstrate they are interested in and comfortable with special events, media activities, marketing, and be active in social media.
- Applicants for Youth Ambassador should demonstrate leadership experience as he or she will serve as chairperson of the Junior Committee and Subcommittee Leader, leading the group in tasks and helping organize group activities. Youth Ambassadors are Junior Committee members.
- Applicants must be available for the 67th WIHS at Show Place Arena, in Upper Marlboro, MD. Attendance at Barn Night (Date TBD) & Kids' Day on October 25 at Show Place Arena is **mandatory. *By applying, you are committing to these two mandatory dates!***
- Junior Committee members are **required to attend all Zoom meetings** and participate in other planning assignments. They are also **required to Barn Night, Kids' Day and, two additional workdays during a select range of dates, totaling 4 mandatory workdays.** The two extra days can be picked up during 67th WIHS- Oct 20-26, WIHS set up/teardown- Oct 18, 19, 27, or WIHS Regional Show- Oct 16-19. A full day of work is not mandatory, and hours will be flexible.

Responsibilities:

Mandatory Dates:

- Zoom Meetings
- 67th WIHS at The Show Place Arena (select dates)
- Barn Night: Date TBD
- Kids' Day: October 25th

Junior Committee members will be placed on one of three subcommittees to start. All Junior Committee members have the chance to stay with one subcommittee or try all three. Youth Ambassadors will each lead one subcommittee and will be in charge leading their group through tasks to help prepare and put on the 67th WIHS. The 3 elected Youth Ambassadors are also considered Junior Committee Members.

The three subcommittees are:

Marketing & Communications: Social media and Content Creation, Press Releases and Email Campaigns, Branding.

Event Operations & Engagement: Event Planning & Logistics including Kids' Day and Barn Night, Fan Engagement, Vendor Relations, Sponsorship & Partnership Fulfillment.

Community Support & Sales: Ticket Sales, Community & Group Outreach, WIHS Merch, Guest Experience & Support.

Members will be assigned monthly subcommittee work to complete at home that is mandatory.

During WIHS show week, the Junior Committee will assist with community events, fan engagement, work with VIP guests and various fan needs. They will also help with press needs, show operations, media relations and other tasks under the direction of WIHS staff. There will be opportunities to enjoy the show. Education remains a priority for Junior Committee members and volunteer hours are flexible. WIHS Junior Committee members may submit for Volunteer Hours/Credit for any meeting, volunteer events or show week shifts they attend.

How to Apply:

- Applications open on March 31, 2025 and are **due by April 25, 2025**.
- If you are interested in applying to become a member of the 2025 Junior Committee or the Youth Ambassadors, please review the requirements, calendar and complete the application(s) below.
- Please submit applications **typed in PDF Format** by email to info@wihs.org with the subject line: 2025 Junior Committee Application. Do not limit yourself to the space provided.
- Applications not in PDF format will be required to re-submit in PDF format by April 25.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email that your application has been received within three *business* days of sending, please follow up to ensure we received it.

Selecting the 2025 Junior Committee and Youth Ambassadors:

- 30 applicants will be accepted, 3 will be named Youth Ambassadors.
- All previous Junior Committee members must reapply. There is no guarantee that past Junior Committee members will be accepted again.
- Zoom Interviews might be requested after the application has been submitted.

2025 JUNIOR COMMITTEE CALENDAR

We realize school is a top priority and will be flexible with members' hours. Please find the 2025 Junior Committee Calendar below, which outlines time commitments and responsibilities. Please note this calendar is subject to change. **Please note all mandatory dates including Barn Night & Kids' Day.**

Month	Date	Time (Est)	Location	Attendance Requirement
June	6/9/2025	4:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Mandatory
July	7/7/2025	4:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Mandatory
July			In Person Meeting	Voluntary
July	Same Day?		In Person Volunteer @...	Voluntary
August	8/4/2025	4:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Mandatory
September	9/1/2025	4:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Mandatory
September			In Person Meeting	Voluntary
September	Same Day?		In Person Volunteer @...	Voluntary
October	10/6/2025	4:00 PM	Zoom Meeting	Mandatory
October	10/18/2025		In Person @ Show Place and Zoom Option	Mandatory
Regional Show				
October	10/16/2025		Upperville Show Grounds, VA	Voluntary
October	10/17/2025		Upperville Show Grounds, VA	Voluntary
October	10/18/2025		Upperville Show Grounds, VA	Voluntary
October	10/19/2025		Upperville Show Grounds, VA	Voluntary
67 TH WIHS				
October	10/18/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/19/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/20/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/21/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/22/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/23/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/24/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Mandatory
October	10/25/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Mandatory
October	10/26/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary
October	10/27/2025		The Show Place Arena, MD	Voluntary

****Schedule is subject to change****

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2025 WIHS JUNIOR COMMITTEE APPLICATION

NOTE: Please type and submit to WIHS by **April 25, 2025**. Please limit your responses to no more than three (3) pages total.

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

Age:

School:

Graduation Year:

Interests/ Activities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

1. Are you a returning Junior Committee member or have you been a volunteer at WIHS?

2. Please describe your equestrian background and interest.

3. Why are you interested in being on the WIHS Junior Committee?

4. Have you ever attended WIHS? If yes, in what manor and what was your favorite part of WIHS?

5. Junior Committee Members will be part of a subcommittee and will have the opportunity to try each subcommittee during their time as a JC Member. Please rate the following three subcommittees in order of interest, #1 being your top option. *There is no guarantee you get your first choice.*

Marketing & Communications _____
Event Operations & Engagement _____
Community Support & Sales _____

6. Please explain your interest and any experience in your #1 choice subcommittee?

7. Do you have any experience with social media for events or businesses? If yes, please give examples.

8. If accepted, you will be asked to work on Barn Night. What ideas do you have to increase the number of Barn Night Contest participants/submissions?

9. What is your favorite non-horse related event? How do you think WIHS can tie in some components of this event into show week?

10. Are you able to attend all the listed mandatory meetings and dates? If no, please list the dates you will be absent. Schedule can be found at the top of the application.

11. What do you hope to learn on the Junior Committee to help further your equine knowledge?

12. Please list your social media names:

TikTok: _____ Instagram: _____

13. Will you also be applying for the position of WIHS Youth Ambassador? **If yes, please also complete the 2023 WIHS Youth Application on the next page.**

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2025 WIHS YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

Requirements:

- Applicants should be well versed in the equestrian community, including hunter/jumper disciplines, and be able to articulate and feel comfortable answering questions about WIHS and have general horse show knowledge.
- Applicants should demonstrate a high level of comfort with special event coordination, public speaking, volunteer projects and working with the media.
- The Youth Ambassador should have strong leadership experience as he or she will serve as chairman WIHS Junior Committee and lead a subcommittee of Junior Committee members to help organize all group projects and various other needs including reporting during mandatory meetings.
- Applicants must have served on the WIHS Junior Committee for at least one prior season.

Responsibilities:

The Youth Ambassador will have opportunities to attend show-related business meetings, conference calls and be able to present ideas and concepts to the WIHS staff. The Youth Ambassador will be responsible for helping create Junior Committee agendas, taking notes of the next steps and distributing them for follow up. The Youth Ambassador will also help coordinate the active participation of all Junior Committee members on subcommittee projects. During the show, the Youth Ambassador will share responsibilities and assist in overseeing Junior Committee member tasks. In addition, the Youth Ambassador will represent the Junior Committee for interviews, appearances, and other public activities.

If you are interested in becoming the 2025 Youth Ambassador, please answer the following questions, in addition to submitting the Junior Committee Application above. All applications must be typed and submitted to WIHS by **April 25, 2025**.

- 1) What year(s) have you been part of the WIHS Junior Committee
- 2) What did you do personally while on the Junior Committee to help make it better in previous years?
- 3) Do you have any previous leadership experience in the equestrian and non-equestrian world? If so, how would you use this experience in your role as WIHS Youth Ambassador?

- 4) Youth Ambassadors will be required to lead a subcommittee for the season. Please rate the following three subcommittees in order of interest, #1 being your top option. *We'll do our best to align you with your first choice, though it's not guaranteed. While switching subcommittees is uncommon, it can be discussed if needed.*

Marketing & Communications _____

Event Operations & Engagement _____

Community Support & Sales _____

- 5) Please explain your interest in leading your #1 choice subcommittee? What experience in this area do you have and how will it help you lead this subcommittee?

- 6) As Youth Ambassador, how would you involve and challenge fellow Junior Committee members your/their selected subcommittee throughout the year leading up to WIHS?

- 7) What changes would you like to make to improve the Junior Committee this coming year?

- 8) What do you hope to gain personally by serving as WIHS Youth Ambassador?

9) Anything else that you would like us to know regarding your application for the Youth Ambassador position?