



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW JUNIOR COMMITTEE & YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM Presented by Signature Academics

Established in 1958, the **Washington International Horse Show (WIHS)** is one of the most prestigious and entertaining equestrian events in North America. The 61st Annual Washington International Horse Show will be held October 22-27, 2019, at Capital One Arena in Washington, DC.

Since 2009, the WIHS Junior Committee and Youth Ambassador Program presented by Signature Academics engages local teens to represent the show's youth perspective and support WIHS staff while gaining hands-on experience. Now in its tenth year, this community-focused program is gearing up to welcome Junior Committee members and a new Youth Ambassador to kickoff activities for the 2019 show. Participants in the program have been featured in a number of media publications, including Washington Life Magazine, the Kids' Post, John Kelly's Washington, several DC area community newspapers, cable and internet broadcasts, news radio, print and local television. WIHS is excited to continue its partnership with Signature Academics as sponsor of the Junior Committee. Signature Academics specializes in supporting equestrian student-athletes as they train, travel, and compete.

Requirements:

- All applicants for the WIHS Junior Committee and Youth Ambassador Program must be local, Washington, DC area students **between the ages of 14 and 18**.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they are well versed 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, the press, TV, radio, print and be active in social media.
- Applicants for Youth Ambassador should demonstrate leadership experience as he or she will serve as chairman of the Junior Committee, a group of approximately 25-30 students, and help organize all group activities.

Responsibilities:

Junior Committee members are required to attend meetings and conference calls, and participate in other planning activities throughout the summer and fall. During show week, the Junior Committee will help manage our youth and community activities, give tours, attend events, present ribbons, assist with autograph and book signing sessions, participate in press interviews under the direction of WIHS staff and help with show-related duties such as assisting VIP guests, show operations and media relations. There will also be opportunities to view and enjoy the show. Although show week hours are long and fast-paced, they are also fun and exciting. During show week, education remains a priority for Junior Committee members and volunteer hours are flexible.

Selecting the 2019 Junior Committee and Youth Ambassador:

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the 2019 Junior Committee or the Youth Ambassador, please review the requirements and calendar and complete the application(s) below. Do not limit yourself to the space provided and all **applications must be typed**.

Applications are due to WIHS by Monday, April 1, 2019.

Please submit applications by email to info@wihs.org with the subject line: 2019 Junior Committee.

IMPORTANT: If you do not receive a confirmation email that your application has been received, please call our office at (202) 525-3679 to ensure we received it.



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2019 JUNIOR COMMITTEE CALENDAR

The Washington International Horse Show will be held October 22-27, 2019 at Capital One Arena in Washington, DC. Junior Committee members are encouraged to participate daily throughout the week. We realize school is a top priority and will be flexible with Junior Committee members' hours during the week. Please find the 2019 Junior Committee Calendar below, which outlines time commitments and responsibilities. Please note this calendar is subject to change. **It is mandatory that all Junior Committee members are present for the full day on Saturday, October 26, 2019, to help manage Kids' Day activities.**

Monday, April 1	Junior Committee Applications Due
Wednesday, May 1	2019 Junior Committee Members Notified
Monday, May 13	Junior Committee Kickoff Event
Monday, June 3	Junior Committee Meeting
Monday, July 8	Junior Committee Meeting
Monday, August 5	Junior Committee Meeting
Monday, September 9	Junior Committee Meeting
Monday, October 7	Junior Committee Meeting
Friday, October 18	WIHS Regional Horse Show, Prince George's Equestrian Center
Saturday, October 19	WIHS Regional Horse Show, Prince George's Equestrian Center
Sunday, October 20	WIHS Regional Horse Show, Prince George's Equestrian Center
Monday, October 21	Set Up for WIHS, Capital One Arena
Tuesday, October 22	WIHS, Capital One Arena
Wednesday, October 23	WIHS, Capital One Arena
Thursday, October 24	Barn Night, Capital One Arena (4:30-11:00 PM)
Friday, October 25	Military Night, Capital One Arena (6:00-10:00 PM)
Saturday, October 26	Kids' Day, Capital One Arena (7:00 AM-3:00 PM)
Sunday, October 27	Final Day at WIHS, Capital One Arena
Monday, December 9	Holiday Party, WIHS Office

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



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2019 WIHS JUNIOR COMMITTEE APPLICATION

NOTE: Please type and submit to WIHS by **Monday, April 1, 2019**. Please limit your responses to no more than three (3) pages total.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Age:

School:

Graduation Year:

Interests/ Activities:

- 1.) Are you a returning Junior Committee member or have you been a volunteer at WIHS?
- 2.) Do you ride? If so, what discipline?
- 3.) Please describe your equestrian background and interest.
- 4.) If you are a new applicant, do you know anyone on the Junior Committee? (Not required)
- 5.) Why are you interested in being on the WIHS Junior Committee?
- 6.) Have you ever attended WIHS? If yes, what is your favorite part of WIHS?
- 7.) If you could create your own event at WIHS, what would it be and why?
- 8.) Please describe how your personal experiences, including volunteer opportunities with school clubs or teams, youth groups, athletics and nonprofits are applicable to the Junior Committee.
- 9.) Do you have fundraising experience? Name a time when you had to help raise money or awareness to a group or organization.
- 10.) How would you describe yourself to a new friend?
- 11.) What is your favorite equestrian event other than WIHS? Why?
- 12.) What is your favorite non-horse related event? How do you think WIHS can tie in some components of this event into show week?

13.) Tell us a fun fact about yourself! What sets you apart from others?

14.) Please list your social media names:

Facebook: _____ Twitter: _____ Instagram: _____

Please check the following WIHS project areas that interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Media Relations/ Press Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events/VIP Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Souvenirs/ Merchandise | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Production/ In-Arena Promotions | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Book Sales | |

If you are interested in becoming the 2019 WIHS Youth Ambassador, please also complete the 2019 WIHS Youth Application on the next page.



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2019 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 related activities. 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 significant leadership experience as he or she will serve as chairman of the WIHS Junior Committee, a group of approximately 25-30 students, and help run meetings and organize all group projects.

Responsibilities:

The Youth Ambassador is strongly encouraged to work in the WIHS office in Washington, DC, at least one day a week during the summer and also be available frequently during the months of September and October. The Youth Ambassador will have opportunities to attend show-related business meetings, conference calls and be in a position to present ideas and concepts to the WIHS staff. The Youth Ambassador will be responsible for helping create Junior Committee agendas, taking notes with next steps and distributing them for follow up. The Youth Ambassador will also help coordinate the active participation of all Junior Committee members on project teams. During the show, the Youth Ambassador will share responsibilities with Junior Committee members. In addition, the Youth Ambassador will represent the Junior Committee for interviews, appearances and other public activities.

If you are interested in becoming the 2019 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 **Monday, April 1, 2019**.

- 1.) As WIHS Youth Ambassador, what special contributions do you believe you can offer to the Junior Committee as its leader? What did you personally do to help make the Junior Committee better in previous years?
- 2.) Do you have any previous leadership experience in the equestrian and non-equestrian world?
- 3.) How would you use this experience in your role as WIHS Youth Ambassador?
- 4.) What changes would you make to improve WIHS next year?
- 5.) How would you improve the Junior Committee overall? What role would you play in this change?
- 6.) What do you hope to gain personally by serving as WIHS Youth Ambassador?

7.) What do you believe is the importance of having a Junior Committee at WIHS? What unique perspectives can the Junior Committee provide for WIHS?

8.) Please describe your personal opinion about the importance of having a horse show in the nation's capital and how it impacts the future of equestrian sports in the United States.

9.) What is one thing you would like to see changed in our sport and how would you help to achieve it?

10.) Please describe a time where you had to overcome a significant challenge and what it taught you.