



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 64th Annual Washington International Horse Show will be held October 25-30, 2022 at the Show Place Arena, in Upper Marlboro, MD. The WIHS Regional Horse Show will be held October 20-23, 2022 at Morven Park Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA.

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 thirteenth year, this community-focused program is gearing up to welcome Junior Committee members and a new Youth Ambassador to kickoff activities for the 2022 show. Participants in the program have been featured in several 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 must be local, Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia area students **between the ages of 14 and 18 as of April 1st**.
- 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 chairperson of the Junior Committee, a group of approximately 30-35 students, and help organize all group activities.
- Applicants must be available October 23-30, for WIHS at Show Place Arena, in Upper Marlboro, MD. Attendance at either Kids' Day at National Harbor or the Regional Horse Show at Morven Park from Saturday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 23rd is **mandatory**. Assistance with special events at Show Place Arena on Saturday, October 29 is also a priority.

Responsibilities:

Junior Committee members are **required to attend in person meetings** and participate in other planning activities throughout the summer and fall. They are also **required to attend a minimum of one Junior Committee organized volunteer event in either the summer or fall**. During WIHS Regional Horse Show week, the Junior Committee will help manage our youth and community activities, present ribbons, assist with show operations and media relations. During WIHS 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. Education remains a priority for Junior

Committee members and volunteer hours are flexible. There will also be opportunities to view and enjoy the show.

WIHS Junior Committee members may submit for Volunteer Hours/Credit for any meeting, volunteer events or show week shifts they attend.

Selecting the 2022 Junior Committee and Youth Ambassador:

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the 2022 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 and submitted in PDF format**.

Applications are due to WIHS by Monday, March 28, 2022.

Please submit applications in **PDF Format** by email to info@wihs.org with the subject line: 2022 Junior Committee.

All previous Junior Committee members must reapply.

IMPORTANT:

- ***Applications submitted in the body of an email or in Word/Pages format, will be required to re-submit in PDF format before the March 28th deadline.***
- If you do not receive a confirmation email that your application has been received within one *business* day of sending, please call our office at (202) 525-3679 to ensure we received it.



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2022 JUNIOR COMMITTEE CALENDAR

The Washington International Horse Show will be held October 25-30, 2022 at the Show Place Arena, in Upper Marlboro, MD. The WIHS Regional Horse Show will be held October 20-23, 2022 at Morven Park Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA. 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 2022 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 to help manage Kids' Day or the Regional Show activities on both October 22 & 23.**

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| Monday, March 28 | Junior Committee Applications Due |
| April 11 – April 18 | 2022 Junior Committee Members Notified |
| Monday, May 2 | Junior Committee Kickoff Event, 4:30pm, at the Show Place Arena |
| Monday, June 6 | Junior Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, at the Show Place Arena |
| Wednesday, June 8 | Volunteer Event: Promise Landing Farm, Prince George's County, 10am-3pm |
| Monday, July 11 | Junior Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, at the Show Place Arena |
| Monday, August 8 | Junior Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, at the Show Place Arena |
| Monday, September 12 | Junior Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, at the Show Place Arena |
| Saturday, September 17 | Volunteer Event: Sprout Therapeutic Riding Center, Aldi, VA, 10am – 3pm |
| Monday, October 10 | Junior Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, location TBD |
| Wednesday, October 19 | WIHS Regional Horse Show, at the Show Place Arena <i>Set Up</i> |
| Thursday, October 20 | WIHS Regional Horse Show, Morven Park Equestrian Center |
| Friday, October 21 | WIHS Regional Horse Show, Morven Park Equestrian Center |
| Saturday, October 22 | WIHS Regional Horse Show, Morven Park Equestrian Center |
| Saturday, October 22 | WIHS Kids Day, National Harbor |
| Sunday, October 23 | WIHS Regional Horse Show, Morven Park Equestrian Center |
| Sunday, October 23 | WIHS Kids Day Continued, National Harbor |
| Sunday, October 23 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena <i>Set Up</i> |
| Monday, October 24 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena <i>Set Up</i> |
| Tuesday, October 25 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena |
| Wednesday, October 26 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena |
| Thursday, October 27 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena <i>Barn Night</i> |
| Friday, October 28 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena <i>Military Night</i> |
| Saturday, October 29 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena |
| Sunday, October 30 | WIHS, at the Show Place Arena |
| November | Holiday Party, location, and time TBD |

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



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2022 WIHS JUNIOR COMMITTEE APPLICATION

NOTE: Please type and submit to WIHS by **Monday, March 28, 2022**. 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. Which public figure do you look up to and why?

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

5. Have you ever attended or live streamed WIHS? If yes, what is your favorite part of WIHS?

6. What ideas do you have to increase the number attendees and fans for WIHS?

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

8. What are your ideas to get the local community involved in WIHS at its new location?

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

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

11. Are you able to attend all the listed meeting and volunteer times? If no, please list the dates you will be absent.

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 2022 WIHS Youth Application on the next page.



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 2022 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 30-35 students, and help run meetings and organize all group projects.

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 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 2022 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, March 28, 2022**.

- 1) 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?
 - a. How would you use this experience in your role as WIHS Youth Ambassador?

3) What ideas do you have to engage Junior Committee members during meetings and in between?

4) What changes would you make to improve WIHS this coming 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) Explain a family, social, sports or school situation in which your leadership made a difference. What was accomplished?

8) Choose a person or persons you admire and explain why.