



Colorado Draft Horse Association State Youth Representative and Alternate Youth Representative Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in applying to serve as a youth ambassador for our organization. As with any position in this organization, if you are selected as our ambassador, you will have many responsibilities.

As the State Youth Representative, you will be responsible for attending all CDHA sponsored shows as well as contacting the show and event coordinators and the state president in advance of every event. You will also be responsible for making award presentations at shows and otherwise assisting behind the scenes as directed by the show or event coordinator.

Should you be selected to fill the position of Alternate Youth Representative, you will be responsible for training under the current State Youth Representative during the winter Big Thunder and National Western Stock Show draft horse shows. You will also be responsible for attending any shows the State Youth Representative is unable to attend and acting in his or her place for that show or event.

Throughout your year of service, you will have many opportunities that will help you grow as a person, a horseman, and a professional. You will be expected to maintain a respectful and professional attitude throughout the application and selection process, as well as throughout your year of service should you be selected. Whether you serve as the State Youth Representative or Alternate, you will be representing the youth in our organization, and as such, you will be expected to encourage youth participation and gain public relations in a professional setting.

Arguably, the most important aspect of being the State Youth Representative is being able to demonstrate your knowledge and be competent in your abilities when working with draft horses. In order to select the best youth that this organization has to offer, you will be **required** to fill out this application, include a picture of yourself, and attach a 150 to 300 word typed essay answering the questions provided.

All applicants will be **required** to attend the Fall State CDHA Business Meeting at Adams County Fairgrounds (9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO) in the Red Cross Building. Please bring a completed application to the State Business Meeting for review. All applicants will be required to interview with the selection committee for the position of State Youth Representative. Brief interviews will take place on the same day as the State Business Meeting. The results will be announced after the State Business Meeting.

Once elected, the selected youth will be **required** to attend and work alongside the previous year's State CDHA Youth Representative during the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and the National Western Stock Show Draft Horse Show, for training. More information will be sent after the State CDHA Youth Representative is selected. Good luck, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the people listed below.

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******Please Fill Out In Ink & Include a Picture of Yourself******

Name: _____ **Age** (as of Jan 1, 2017): _____

Gender (circle one): **Female** **Male**

Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Applicant Cell Phone: _____

Applicant Email: _____

High School: _____

Grade: _____ **Current GPA:** _____

CDHA Member (circle one): **Yes**, chapter: _____ **No**

If not, do you have a family member who is a CDHA member?

(circle one, if Yes above, skip this section)

Yes **No**

If Yes (if No, write N/A):

Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____

Relationship with Applicant: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

In the spaces below, please include your experience, the year of your experience, and a brief explanation of your experience in each of these areas. If possible, please include a specific date (month & year) when mentioning events like parades, seminars, community events, etc. Sections do NOT need to be filled out to the bottom of the page, just be sure to include the experiences you have had. If you do not have experience in a certain area, that is okay, just write N/A and go on to the next section. If you need more room, you can attach a paper titled with the area you need more room for.

<p style="text-align: center;">Show Experience (Farm Classes, Show Classes, or Both?)</p>
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Farm/Industry Experience (Or Any Other Experience with Draft Horses Outside of the Show Ring):

Carriage/Parade/Community CDHA Event Experience:

(May include events like Santa Cops, Hearts and Horses, Grand Olde West Days Parade, etc)

Clinics/Lessons/Seminars/Training

(May include lessons or training by family member or team you show/work for)

Community Service (Preferably Equine or Agriculturally Related):

(Please only include community service as far back as one year from the date you write this application)

**Colorado Draft Horse Association State Youth
Representative Application Agreement**

I agree to conduct myself with the utmost integrity, sportsmanship, and professionalism throughout the entire application and selection process.

I understand that consideration for the position of State Youth Representative includes this application with an attached picture, this essay, and a brief interview. I understand that should I miss interviews, my application may not be considered. I understand that I must be at least 13 years old but no older than 18 years old as of January 1st, 2017 to be considered for this position.

I understand that if I am selected to be the next State Youth Representative, I will be responsible for attending all CDHA sponsored shows, making award presentations for these shows, and otherwise helping behind the scenes. I understand that I may be removed from my position if I do not attend these shows, unless my absence is pre-approved by the state president and the show coordinator or the person I should report to.

I also understand that if I am selected to be the next State Youth Representative, I will be expected to maintain a respectful, professional attitude in public relations. I understand that I will be expected to follow the dress expectations, which will be explained more in depth if I am elected to this position.

I understand that in order for consideration of this position, I must attend the Fall State CDHA Business Meeting, where the State Youth Representative and the Reserve State Youth Representative will be selected.

I understand that if I am the runner up for the position, I will become the Reserve State Youth Representative. If I am selected to be the Reserve State Youth Representative, I understand that I will be asked to step in for the State Youth Representative at any point in the upcoming year if he/she is unable to fulfill his/her duties.

I understand that if I am selected to be the State Youth Representative, I will only be able to run again if I qualify and if there are not enough applicants to fill both the State Youth Representative and Alternate Youth Representative positions. If I am selected to be the Reserve State Youth Representative, I understand that I will become the State Youth Representative for the following year. I understand that if I receive no position, I can run again if I qualify.

I understand that if I am selected, I will be required to attend the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and National Western Stock Show, to be trained by the 2017-18 State Youth Representative, Grady Anson. I understand that my term in office will begin immediately at the conclusion of the 2018 National Western Stock Show Draft Horse Show, and will end immediately at the conclusion of the 2019 National Western Stock Show Draft Horse Show.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Lastly, on a separate page, include a typed essay (preferably 150 to 350 words) that includes anything else you want to add about yourself and your answers the following questions:

1. How were you introduced to the Colorado Draft Horse Association?
2. What impact has the Colorado Draft Horse Association and/or working with draft horses made on your life?
3. Why do you want to apply for the position of State Youth Representative?
4. How do you think you will impact the Colorado Draft Horse Association, its members, show spectators, and other members of the draft horse community?
5. What qualities make you a good applicant for the position of State Youth Representative?
6. And lastly, what college and/or career goals do you have for the future, and specifically, how can serving as the State Youth Representative impact these goals?