
Minnesota 4-H Horse Association Director Application

Submit by February 1

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Openings by Region for February 2004		
Extension Staff	1-2	
NW	2 adult	1 youth
NE	0 adult	1 youth
SE	1 adult	2 youth
WC	0 adults	0 youth
EC	0 adult	2 youth
SC	1 adult	2 youth
SW	2 adult	1 youth

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ County: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ work,home,cellular

Additional phone #'s: _____ work, home, cellular

Youth (*current grade in school* _____ *DOB* _____) Adult Extension Staff

Name & Address & Fax # of your local newspaper: _____

I give my permission to use my picture and be listed in publications and on the Web:

Signed: _____ (if under 18 years, must have parent signature.)

Check any activities or areas that you are interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards & Recognition | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judging | <input type="checkbox"/> MFHA Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hippology | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Training, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech & Demonstration | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Roundup | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseless Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Judges Seminar/Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Expo Tack Sale | |
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I have attached a one-page document stating my interest, qualifications and leadership experience.

I have attached two Letters of Reference

If elected to the Minnesota 4-H Board of Directors I will fulfill the responsibilities I assume.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

MFHA and THE 4-H HORSE PROJECT

The Horse Project is the largest animal science project in Minnesota 4-H with over 5,000 members. The Horse Project and its activities are directed by the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association (MFHA) under the University of Minnesota Center for Youth Development.

MFHA The policy-making organization for Minnesota's 4-H horse program events, activities, materials, and resources. Members are elected from adults and youth representing each district in the state. Their responsibilities are to represent their district, assist with events, decision-making, and attend the two meetings each year. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply. As volunteers, MFHA directors work with the University of Minnesota Center for Youth Development. **THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE HORSE PROJECT ARE:** **Horse**--for 4-H'ers who own or lease one or more horses. **Horse Training**--for 4-H'ers who train their horse, beginning with a horse that has had no more training than halter breaking or longeing. **Horseless**--for 4-H'ers who do not own or lease a horse. **Western Heritage**--an activity for those 4-H'ers interested in roping and cattle-related activities with horses

Responsibilities of MFHA are

Web Site - MFHA has a web site. It can be found at www.mn4horse.com. All Horse Project information is posted on the site.

4-H Horse Program Library--A library of horse-related books, videos, magazines and other materials is available to anyone. Topics covered include training, horsemanship, showing, care/handling, hoof care, judging, driving, reproduction and breeding, games and roping, tack, etc. Authors include: Richard Shrake, John Lyons, AQHA, Linda Tellington-Jones, Dan Evans, John Pipkin, and many others. For a list and borrowing procedures see the library page in this program..

State 4-H Horse Show--This annual show is held each year in mid-September at the State Fairgrounds. Each county sends a number of 4-H'ers based on their enrollment in the horse project

Expo Tack/Clothing Sale- A money-raising sale held at Horse Expo in April each year. Thousands of items are consigned to sell. MFHA receives a percentage of each sale. This sale is the major fund raising event for MFHA.

Horse Bowl Contest--A quiz bowl contest between teams of four 4-H'ers. They are asked horse-related questions. The highest scoring team wins the match. It is a double elimination contest. Top teams qualify at Regional contests to go on to State, where they may become eligible for National Contests. The Bowl contests are held in March & April.

Horse Judging Contest -- Held at the State 4-H Horse Show in September, this contest may be entered as a team or as an individual. Teams evaluate and place 4 halter classes and 2 performance classes. Each team member gives oral reasons on one halter and one performance class. Awards are given to teams and individuals. Top placing teams are eligible for National Contests.

Speech & Demonstration Contest --This contest is held at the State Horse Show. Speech and demonstration must be horse-related. Winners in each division are eligible for National Contests.

Hippology Contest --Held at the State 4-H Horse Show in September this contest includes a written test, station identification, a team problem, and horse judging (with no oral reasons). All questions and problems are horse-related. This is a team event with the top teams eligible for National Contests.

Western Heritage--Regional events hold clinics teaching 4-H'ers about roping. Regional competition, roping and team penning members qualify to participate in the Roping Contest at the State Horse Show.

Winter Roundup --A horse leader forum held each year in January or February for adult horse leaders and MATURE junior leaders. It includes workshops and speakers. Focus is on the 4-H Horse project, horses and leadership.

Awards and Recognition -- 4-H Awards and Recognition, participants submit the required material and are evaluated and interviewed. The top awarded Horse Project member in the state is the recipient of the Dan Patch Award.

Judges Certification/Seminar -- Annual seminar to certify judges to judge 4-H Horse Shows. Speakers cover different aspects of judging horse shows. Working with youth in a positive constructive manner is emphasized.

National Contests - Minnesota sends 4-H Horse Project teams and individuals to the following National Contests; All American Quarterhorse Congress, Columbus, OH; Grand National Morgan Show, Oklahoma City, OK; US Arabian Nationals, Louisville, KY or Albuquerque, NM; Western National 4-H Classic, Denver, CO.

Expo - Tack & Clothing Sale - A money raising event held at MN Horse Expo annually. Thousands of items are consigned to sell. MFHA receives a percentage of each sale. This sale is the primary fund raising event for MFHA and all directors are expected to work.

YOUTH AND ADULT DIRECTORS are elected for a three year term from each Region (see map in this program.) at MFHA's Annual Meeting each February. Director's responsibilities are to represent their district while serving as an active member in decision-making and program implementation. Two regular meetings are held each year. Directors must accept a minimum of one committee assignment, assist with some activity as their time and interest allows, work at the Expo, and attend each regularly scheduled meeting of the Association