



Junior Apprentice Committee **Program Specifications**

The National Western Stock Show Junior Apprentice Committee has been created to provide professional, hands-on experience to local equestrians and involve them in the networking and educational opportunities of the NWSS while supporting the overall mission and activities. Selected participants will complete one 18-month term focusing on the operations of the annual NWSS by shadowing the staff and committees during the planning, decision and execution phases. It is intended as an introduction to career and volunteer opportunities within the equine industry. Applications will be accepted through the website until September 30, 2022. **Please read the specifications below carefully BEFORE submitting an application. By signing and submitting an application, you agree to all the specifications.**

1. To be eligible, you must:
 - a. Be a Colorado or Wyoming resident
 - b. Be over the age of 18 as of September 30, 2022
 - c. Be involved in the equine industry
 - d. Possess a desire to learn about decision making and event planning
2. Completed applications will be accepted until September 30, 2022 11:59 p.m. MST through our website: <https://nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/horse-exhibitors/horse-youth-programs/>
3. Applications will be reviewed and two (2) outstanding individuals will be selected and notified no later than November 1, 2022.
4. Selections will be based on:
 - a. Involvement in the equine industry
 - b. Desire to learn about decision making and event planning
5. Participants will:
 - a. Attend 1-2 committee meetings prior to NWSS 2023
 - b. Attend 1-3 committee meetings post NWSS 2023
 - c. Attend 1-2 committee meetings prior to NWSS 2024
 - d. Attend 1-3 committee meetings post NWSS 2024
 - i. Committee meetings may be virtual or in-person or a combination
 - e. Choose a learning track to follow during NWSS 2023
 - f. Choose a different learning track to follow during NWSS 2024
 - i. See Appendix A for *Tentative* Learning Tracks that are subject to change

- 6. Time Commitment**
 - a.** Participants will commit to one 18-month term from November 2022-May 2024
 - b.** Participants will be expected to commit approximately four hours a month during off-season months and approximately 24+ during each January.
 - c.** Participants will attend a variety of committee meetings prior to and after two Stock Shows and follow a different learning track during each event.
- 7.** Applicants who have not yet been a participant in the Junior Apprentice Committee are encouraged to apply.
- 8.** A stipend will be provided to each participant following a successfully completed term.
- 9.** Please call or email the NWSS Horse Show Department with questions: 303-299-5525 or horse@nationalwestern.com

APPENDIX A

TENTATIVE Learning Tracks

Each selected participant will rank the follow Learning Tracks in priority order of their interest and availability prior to each show. Every effort will be made to place them in their first choice, however only one selected participant will be in each track for each show. Selected participants will rank the tracks again after the first show (not to include the track they completed) to be placed in different areas for the second show.

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL CHOOSE ONE OF EACH OF THE BELOW:

Event Execution

- Choose one event to gain hands-on experience executing events:
 - **Youth Ranch Horse Mentor Matchup**
 - Greet contestants and coaches
 - Hand out and collect name tags
 - Set up and facilitate networking dinner
 - Work with intern(s) to conduct video interviews
 - Learn and verify scoring system
 - Prepare and send surveys then collect data
 - **Invitational Ranch Rodeo**
 - Collect declarations and hand out back numbers
 - Attend production meeting and captains meeting
 - Work with intern(s) to conduct video interviews
 - Learn and verify scoring system
 - Prepare and send surveys then collect data
 - **Invitational Freestyle Reining**
 - Attend production meeting, riders meeting and rehearsal
 - Work with intern(s) to conduct video interviews
 - Learn and verify scoring system
 - Prepare and send surveys then collect data
 - **Youth Equestrian Showcase**
 - Greet finalists and manage interview schedule
 - Hand out and collect name tags
 - Work with intern(s) to conduct video interviews
 - Learn and verify scoring system
 - Prepare and send surveys then collect data

Scribing/Ring Stewarding

- Choose one time slot to shadow the scribes and judges:
 - Tuesday 1/10 ~8-11 a.m. (NRCHA)
 - Wednesday 1/11 ~9 a.m.-12 p.m. (AQHA/APHA)
 - Thursday 1/19 ~8-11 a.m. (Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey)
 - Friday 1/20 ~11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey)

Stalling/Barn Management

- Choose one time slot to shadow the stalling office staff:
 - Wednesday 1/11 ~4-7 p.m. (Hunter/Jumper)

- Thursday 1/12 ~8-11 a.m. (Hunter/Jumper)
- Monday 1/16 ~5-8 p.m. (Horseman's Challenge)
- Wednesday 1/18 ~1-3 p.m. (Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey)
- Thursday 1/19 ~9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey)

Production

- Choose one time slot to shadow the announcer, DJ or music provider and other production staff during a production (should attend production meetings and rehearsals, if possible and applicable):
 - Wild West Show Saturday 1/14 ~5-7 p.m.
 - Wild West Show Sunday 1/15 ~4-6 p.m.
 - Xtreme Dogs Monday 1/16 ~3-5 p.m.
 - Xtreme Dogs Tuesday 1/17 ~6:30-8:30 p.m.
 - An Evening of Dancing Horses® Wednesday 1/18 ~7-9 p.m.
 - An Evening of Dancing Horses® Thursday 1/19 ~7-9 p.m.

Paddock Management

- Choose one time slot to shadow the starter or paddock manager:
 - Thursday 1/12 ~10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Hunter/Jumper)
 - Saturday 1/14 ~9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Hunter/Jumper)
 - Tuesday 1/17 ~8-11 a.m. (Horseman's Challenge)
 - Saturday 1/21 ~8-11 a.m. (Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey)
 - Sunday 1/22 ~9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey)

Selected participants will need to be flexible as things are dynamic in live production and events and assistance may be needed outside of tasks listed. The objective is to give selected participants hands-on experience with the preparation and execution of a few select events and areas of operation during the NWSS Horse Show. This program is intended to complement the selected participants' careers, not interfere. If the date and time options do not fit within the selected participants' schedules, every effort will be made to find alternative times and dates while providing learning opportunities.