

Grant Criteria and Eligibility

AYHC Mission Statement:

The American Youth Horse Council ("AYHC") is the umbrella organization providing encouragement, communication, leadership and resources to serve and promote the youth horse industry.

About The American Youth Horse Council Grant Program

Among its many projects, the AYHC annually accepts and awards grant funding to quality youth and youth leader programs. The intent of AYHC's grant program is to assist groups and help provide training to volunteer leaders, which will enrich the horse experiences of our youth.

Criteria and Eligibility for Funds

Membership. All applicants must be AYHC members. You may submit membership at the time of application.

Requirements. Funding proposals should include the following:

- Be related to the development, promotion and management of leader training events
- Demonstrate that the ultimate goal of the event is related to the education of youth and development of adult/teen leadership skills for the enhancement of the horse industry.
- Demonstrate support, collaboration, partnerships, and links with other entities. The AYHC looks for a minimum of two (2) organizations of dissimilar affiliation to participate as co-sponsors. Examples of co-sponsors meeting this requirement are 4-H and Pony Clubs, 4-H and FFA, Pony Club and breed associations.

Funds issued through the AYHC in response to an accepted application must be spent only for the items described in the grant application.

Restrictions. The AYHC does not make scholarships or grants to political campaigns or entities designed primarily for lobbying or to support religious activities or that jeopardize the AYHC's tax-exempt status.

Repeat Applications. If your organization received funding last year, you must submit a final report of the event to the AYHC office before September 15 of the project year to be eligible for funding the next year. The AYHC expects a final report from grant recipients within one month of completion of events that received AYHC funds.

Funds

The AYHC's maximum amount of annual funding varies annually as determined by the AYHC Board of Directors. Generally, grants are at or below \$1,500. Also, grants will be made available on a regional and national basis. Examples of regional events that meet this definition include: several states in the case of locations such as New England, or several counties as in the case of northern Texas.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received in the AYHC office by no later than September 15 of the current year.

Grant/Scholarship Application and Approval Process

The AYHC makes funding decisions based on written and signed application forms, which can be obtained from the AYHC's website. Please provide additional documents and information as the form requires. At its discretion, the AYHC may seek additional information. After the application has been reviewed by the AYHC's Grants and Scholarships Committee and later by the AYHC Board of Directors, applicants will be notified in writing or by phone of the AYHC's decision. Award winners will be notified in November or as soon as possible. Half of the award will be presented before the event and the second half will be sent upon receipt of a summary of the event.

The AYHC welcomes your questions. Please contact our Executive Director.