



## ABRA Youth Ambassador Guidelines

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The ABRA Youth Ambassador program is for youth 18 years and under who actively promote and support ABRA and its activities. The Youth Ambassador Contest has been designed to recognize and reward these individuals by dividing it into Jr and Sr and crowning one from each category during the World Show.

The age group for Jr Ambassadors is 13 & U, Sr Ambassadors are 14-18. It will be based on the following point system.

1. Youth Ambassador Showmanship Class ~ possible 50 points
2. Youth Ambassador Horsemanship Class ~ possible 50 points
3. Youth Ambassador Free Style ride ~ possible 100 points
4. Written Test on ABRA Rules ~ possible 50 points
5. Interview ~ possible 100 points
6. Obtain 3 items for the Youth Scholarship Auction ~ possible 60 points
7. Hand out awards at four classes during the World Show ~ possible 40 points
8. Assist with the Youth Pizza Party ~ possible 50 points
9. Provide a written paragraph outlining your past activities in ABRA and what you would do to promote and support ABRA if you were selected as a Youth Ambassador ~ possible 50 points
10. Youth World Show Participation Log ~ possible 100 points

### Explanation of the Above Guidelines

1. **Youth Ambassador Showmanship Class:** This class is listed on the show bill and will be made up of all participating Youth Ambassador candidates in each age division. It will be judged by all 5 World Show Judges and will have a different pattern from the World Show patterns. The pattern will be in your Youth Ambassador Packet that may be picked up at the show office.
2. **Youth Ambassador Horsemanship Class:** This class is listed on the show bill and will be made up of all participating Youth Ambassador candidates in each age division. It will be judged by all 5 World Show Judges and will have a different pattern from the World Show patterns. The pattern will be in your Youth Ambassador Packet that may be picked up at the show office.
3. **Youth Ambassador Freestyle Ride:** This is an opportunity for Youth Ambassadors, in each age division, to express themselves or send a message to the judges and audience. It will be judged by all 5 World Show judges. Music may accompany this

performance but must be on a separate CD and turned into the World Show office on the first day of the World Show (to allow the announcer time to verify it is playable). A typed introduction must accompany the CD, this will be read by the announcer prior to your ride, please include your name and the message you would like to send to the audience about your ride. The ride may be done in any riding discipline, costumes and props are allowed. The ride must contain the following: all 3 gaits (walk, trot/jog, canter/lope), a back and a stop. Rides should be 3-5 minutes in length.

4. **Written Test:** This test will be made up of 25 questions from information gathered in the ABRA rule book. This test can be completed as your schedules allow throughout the World Show. The test must be taken in the Stalling or World Show office.
5. **Interview:** The Youth Ambassador Contestant interviews will be given at a time that is workable between the contestant and the interviewer. Each contestant will be asked the same questions and points will be awarded on the contestant's comfort and ability to express themselves. The interview is a chance for the 2 contestants to bring forward the qualities they possess that would make them a good Youth Ambassador for ABRA.
6. **Youth Scholarship Auction:** Each contestant must gather 3 items for the silent auction. These items may be gathered from vendors at the World Show, outside sources or supplied by the contestant themselves.
7. **Hand Out Awards:** Each contestant must assist in handing out awards for 4 classes at the World Show. There will be a sign-up sheet at the awards table and it is the contestant's responsibility to sign up for the classes they would like to assist with.
8. **Youth Pizza Party:** Each contestant must be present and assist with the Youth Pizza Party.
9. **Paragraph:** This is an opportunity for the contestant to highlight their past participation in ABRA and their future plans for participation in ABRA. Please include your activities at your local charter level or ways you have supported or promoted ABRA and its mission.
10. **Participation log:** This log will be completed throughout the World and turned in the last show day. It will list the activities you participated in during the shows. Please include classes shown, youth/fun activities participated in and any activities you assisted with, etc. The Youth Ambassador for each age division will be announced after the World Show at the Awards Ceremony and will receive the ABRA sash from the current Youth Representative. The following year the Youth Ambassadors will receive an engraved buckle in appreciation for completing their Youth Ambassador term.

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