

Equine Program Ambassador Rules

1. The Ambassador Program is open to males and females completing 7th grade through 4-H age 17 (Must have one remaining year of eligibility in the program.). Contestants must be a member in good standing of a Junior Fair organization and must be enrolled in a live equine project. *Please note: Members who have only participated in horseless projects are not eligible to serve as Equine Ambassadors.*
2. Up to three Ambassadors will be selected annually.
3. Previous Equine Royalty or Ambassadors may reapply and may be selected to serve a second one-year term.
4. Youth who are currently serving as an ambassador or royalty with another commodity group or the Adams County Junior Fair should not apply to serve a concurrent term as an Equine Program Ambassador due to the scheduling conflicts.
5. Entries consist of 1) Completed application; and 2) Essay of 250 words or less
6. Completed entries are due by the end of Equine Registration day.
7. Selection will be based on the essay, application, modified obstacle course with rail work, and interview scores, with the Ambassadors announced following the interviews.
8. Equine Ambassadors are required to stall at least one horse at the fair. They will receive a stall banner for use during the fair. The stall banner must be returned to the Extension Office at the end of the fair.
9. The Equine Ambassadors are required to:
 - a. Represent the Adams County Horse Program for one year from the date of selection.
 - b. Participate in the Adams County Fair parade on opening day of the Fair.
 - c. Assist in conducting the Adams County Fair horse shows, assuming duties as assigned, including but not limited to, handing out ribbons and trophies.
 - d. Represent the Equine Program at horse camp, horse safety and ethics, and other programs, assisting program coordinators with duties as assigned and promoting the projects and opportunities within the 4-H and FFA Equine Programs.
 - e. Represent the Adams County Equine Program in a **minimum of three area parades.**
10. Equine Ambassadors are required to dress appropriately and to wear their official polo shirts while riding in the parade or assisting with events. They may not wear the official polo while exhibiting any animals in a show or during the Fair.

Selection:

1. Equine Ambassador candidates are expected to participate in a modified Obstacle Course with rail work during the Horse Camp Fun Show. No trophies or ribbons; placings will be used as a score in the selection process.
2. Judges will review and score the application and essay.
3. Equine Ambassador candidates will be interviewed, usually in conjunction with Horse Camp.
4. Interview, obstacle course, application, and essay scores will be used to determine the top three candidates.
5. Ambassadors will be announced at the end of the Horse Camp Fun Show.

I/we agree to abide by and uphold the rules set forth by the Adams County 4-H Horse Committee to be an Equine Ambassador.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____