



## AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION

### ASHA: Academy Medal Awards Program

**AWARD YEAR:** October 1, 20xx-September 30, 20xx

**MEMBERSHIP FEE:** Junior (18&Under)=\$30; Senior (19&Over)=\$70  
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**LEGACY STAFF INVOLVEMENT:** Once a student has requested their points to be recorded and provided a copy of their membership card, the Legacy Saddlebreds staff will record and submit the required documentation.

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The American Saddlebred Horse Association Academy Awards program encourages and recognizes juveniles and adults participating in academy classes at horse shows throughout the country. Academy classes create an opportunity for beginning saddle seat riders to develop and fine-tune their horsemanship skills, sportsmanship, and appreciation for the American Saddlebred. An *Academy class* is any class offered at a local tournament in which *two or more stables are participating*, or any class at an open show that is designated "academy." Participants compete on horses designated as *school horses*, or horses that are regularly used in riding lesson program instruction. Riding suits are unacceptable, and hard hats are optional.

#### **RULES:**

- ¥ Points accumulate between October 1 and September 30 of each year and are tabulated by riding instructors. Points are kept on an official point sheet and must be signed by BOTH the rider and the instructor or youth club advisor.
- ¥ The point sheets are to be sent to ASHA by October 31 of the award year for verification.
- ¥ One (1) point is given for participating in an academy riding or driving class. One (1) point is given for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in an academy riding or driving class. Two (2) points are given for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in an academy riding or driving class.
- ¥ ASHA membership is required in order for the points to count.
- ¥ A bronze medallion will be awarded for earning 15 points in the first year of competition, a silver medallion for 15 points in the second consecutive year, and a gold for 15 points in the third consecutive year.



## ASHA: Academy Master Medal Awards

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**LEGACY STAFF INVOLVEMENT:** Once a student has requested their points to be recorded and provided a copy of their membership card, the Legacy Saddlebreds staff will record and submit the required documentation.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

ASHA is proud to offer this award, which goes beyond the ASHA Academy Awards program. After participants in the Academy Awards Medal Program attain their first gold medal, they then have the option to continue with the Academy Awards program by earning gold medals on a yearly basis or enter the Academy Master Medal Awards Program, which encourages participation in promotion, education, and continued involvement with the American Saddlebred.

### **RULES:**

#### **How Points Are Earned**

Riding points are earned according to the rules of the Academy Awards Program. A list follows giving the options for activity points.

#### **MASTER BRONZE**

20 riding points + 15 activity points

#### **MASTER SILVER**

20 riding points + 20 activity points

#### **MASTER GOLD**

20 riding points + 25 activity points

Activity points can be accumulated from the following list. All points must involve a combination of no less than 3 different activities total.

- Participate in Junior/Adult judging or Showmanship at Halter – 5 points each  
Enter the ASHA Youth Photo Contest (entries received by November 30 of award year) – 5 points
- Give a speech to a Youth Club, organization, or class about the American Saddlebred – 5 points



- Volunteer at a horse show – (i.e. pass out ribbons, help stable or barn, assist other riders, concessions, etc.) - 5 points
- Be a member of an ASHA Youth Club - 5 points
- Volunteer at an equine therapy riding program - 5 points
- Participate in an ASHA Youth/ASHA Youth Club activity – (i.e. assist with summer camp, assist with donation for annual ASHA Youth Auction at the Kentucky State Fair, etc.) - 5 points
- Participate at the ASHA Annual Meeting and Youth Conference – 5 points
- Participate in ASHA Saddle Time Program
  - Complete level 1 – 5 points
  - Complete level 2 or 3 – 10 Points
- Participate in the ASHA International Youth Program
  - Earn a Badge – 5 points
  - Enter an activity/horsemanship competition – 10 points
- Complete a level of ASIYP
  - Level 1 – 5 points
  - Level 2 – 10 points
  - Level 3 – 15 points

Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. An official point sheet verifying an individual's participation and placement in academy classes and activities must be signed by BOTH the rider and the instructor or Youth Club advisor, and submitted to ASHA by October 31 of the award year. To qualify for an award, a total of 20 riding points, plus the required number of activity points must be accumulated during a single show year in either juvenile (17 and under) or adult (18 and over) divisions. Points earned in one year may NOT be carried forward into a subsequent show year.



### ASHA: Saddle Time

**AWARD YEAR:**

N/A

**MEMBERSHIP FEE:**

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**LEGACY STAFF INVOLVEMENT:**

This is a program designed for the student to keep track of their hours. Legacy Saddlebreds staff would be happy to answer any questions, or assist as needed.

**DESCRIPTION:**

*Participants* keep track of the time they spend riding. Owning a horse is not a requirement to participate. Special Saddle Time awards will be given when you complete various hour levels. For example, riders will receive a patch and a lapel pin once 50 hours of riding has been completed; a patch and shirt when after 150 hours; a patch and a tote bag when once 200 hours is completed; and additional gifts and recognition as Saddle Time hours accumulate. Hours count in the following activities: trail riding, lessons, parades, drill team and non-USEF recognized events and shows (a 4-H show is a good example).

**RULES:**

- ¥ Must be a current and active member of ASHA.
- ¥ Levels one through three do not have to be accumulated on American Saddlebreds.
- ¥ Levels four through six must be earned on registered American Saddlebreds.
- ¥ Time recorded begins upon ASHA's receipt of enrollment fee. There is no time limit as long as membership stays active.
- ¥ Hours are recorded on the official hours log report by the honor system.
- ¥ Hours required for each award are cumulative.
- ¥ Ownership of horse is not required.
- ¥ Hours **will** count in the following activities: trail riding, lessons, parades, drill teams and non-recognized events/shows.
- ¥ Hours **will not** count in the following activities: USEF recognized events/shows, competitive trail rides, endurance rides, driving, grooming and hot walking.

**Saddle Time Awards**

- ¥ 20 hours: patch and certificate
- ¥ 50 hours: patch and lapel pin
- ¥ 100 hours: patch and cap
- ¥ 150 hours: patch and shirt
- ¥ 200 hours: patch and tote bag
- ¥ 250 hours: patch and award with short story and photo in ASHA youth newsletter, Junior Junction.