



Appaloosa Youth Association

2026 Term

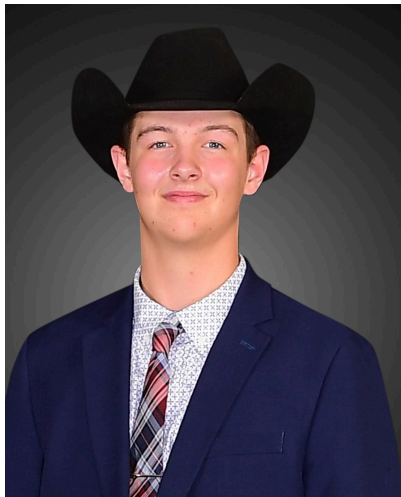
Candidates' Statements of Purpose



Abrielle Berghammer

Territory II

If I'm elected to the board, I want to help bring more youth into the Appaloosa world and make it fun for everyone involved. I love going to shows and meeting new friends and I'd like to come up with ideas for social media and activities at the shows that connect us even more. My goal is to help the AYA grow by supporting other youth and sharing how great it is to be a part of the Appaloosa community.



Jameson Demuth

Territory III

As an Appaloosa Youth Board Member, my purpose will be to continue to build on the foundation of growth and involvement I have already helped foster as Reporter and Vice President. I aim to continue increasing participation by creating opportunities that are fun, inclusive, informative, and meaningful for all members. My focus will be on encouraging new members to get involved with their Regional Clubs and at Youth World, while supporting our current members so they feel valued and inspired to stay active. I want to extend youth connections beyond the arena by organizing events and initiatives that strengthens teamwork, leadership, and community. By combining my experience in organizing activities with my passion for the Appaloosa breed and our youth program, I am committed to making sure every member feels welcomed and excited to be a part of our Organization.



Kortlyn Broadbent

Territory IV

My vision for the Appaloosa Horse Club, and the Appaloosa Youth Association, is to create a more interactive association. To help increase youth participation I would like to promote the breed more through an online presence that spills into the show pen. I envision this happening by having open breed classes at the youth world show, like other breeds do. This brings in youth who might not have been exposed to the Appaloosa breed, to show the versatility of a breed I am passionate about. I would also like to see more youth who might not currently own a horse or an Appaloosa have the ability to participate, this can be done through horse judging, hippology contests and the continuation of the photo and art contests.



Kinsley Mims

Territory IV

Hi, my name is Kinsley Mims. I'm 16 years old and a junior at Magnolia High School. I plan to bring in more youth and adult members to the AYA. I want to make the AYA a welcoming place. This will be my second term if I should be accepted. I would like to serve on the board because I enjoy helping out with the events. Additionally, this position will help me improve my time management skills.



Elizabeth Lisic

Territory V

As a member of the Youth AYA Board of Directors, I plan to help grow and strengthen the Appaloosa community by reaching new audiences and increasing engagement. One method I intend to use is leveraging my personal social media platforms to create awareness beyond the existing horse world—targeting individuals who are not aware of the existence of this amazing community. I also plan to advocate to maintain the events and the planning associated with them. Although I will not change them in drastic ways for as long as possible, I will be welcoming input from anyone in the Territory V area. Additionally, I aim to create opportunities for youth involvement that make learning fun, safe, and welcoming.



Emily Strachar

Territory V

My purpose on the board would be to educate others about the Appaloosa and to help keep the breed and shows alive. I love showing, and I want to do my part to encourage others to show in the Appaloosa breed. I feel like I can bring ideas to the board to encourage others to show and participate.



Evelyn Bitner

Territory VI

As a candidate for the Appaloosa Youth Association board of directors, I am driven to serve our Appaloosa community. My many years as an Appaloosa member have shown me the importance of attracting and retaining the next generation of youth competitors. I want to help create a stronger sense of community and to encourage more members to get involved. If elected, I will work to improve communication between the board and our youth and adult members. My goal is to ensure their voices are heard and that we, as a board, are truly serving their needs. I am eager to bring my perspective to the AYA board of directors and use my experience to help grow and develop the breed as a whole. Thank you for your consideration.