

B.H.A.M Representative Contest

Representative Requirements:

- Contestants must have been a member the preceding year, as well as a current member in good standing of BHAM.
- May serve more than once but may not serve two consecutive terms.
- Must never have been married.
- Must be at least 14 years old, but not more than 20 years old on or before December 31 of the competing year.
- Contestants or immediate family must own a rideable 2-year-old or older horse that is not a stallion (the horse is not required to be a buckskin).
- Dress requirements for horsemanship/equitation ride will be appropriate show attire.
- Contestants are required to attend a meeting with the BHAM representative Committee Chairperson with notification given in advance of time and place.
- Each contestant must submit a short resume, to include experience in the horse field along with their photograph. It must be understood that all responsibilities will be fulfilled and done in a responsible manner.

Representative Responsibilities:

- Representative must motivate and be a good role model.
- Must oversee the Jr BHAM board
- Solicit gift items for the upcoming year representative sponsorship requests to Vendors.
- Author a monthly post or column for the website and BHAM Social media sites.
- Become familiar with the BHAM handbook
- Attend a minimum of two (2) BHAM board meetings.
- Compose outgoing speech to be given at the year end awards banquet.
- Introduce the incoming Representative at the year end awards banquet.
- Attend all American Buckskin Horse Congress. Attend other horse expos or horse events as a representative of BHAM.
- Pass out awards at BHAM Awards Banquet.
- Participate in BHAM Youth Representative Selection Committee Activities including recruitment of future candidates.
- The BHAM representative will have photographs taken in appropriate western attire with crown at the All-American Buckskin Horse Congress or by appropriate photographer.
- The first runner up will take the BHAM Representative's place if she/he is found to be ineligible or unable to attend any functions.
- The BHAM Representative will assist with administration of all Jr BHAM social media sites to keep youth up to date on current events.

Representative Selection:

- Up to 20 points on resume
 - Resume must be submitted by December 1st with 3 references (non-related). The Board will be informed of candidates at Congress. Resumes will be evaluated by Youth Representative Selection Committee members. Criteria for evaluation as follows:

- Horse experience – 1-5 points.
 - Youth leadership experience – 1-5 points
 - Experience in areas of other responsibilities – 1-5 points
 - Grammar, spelling & overall appearance of resume – 1-5 points.
- Up to 20 points on sportsmanship.
 - Will be awarded by the BHAM Youth Advisors.
- Up to 20 points on a horsemanship/equitation pattern
 - Ride will be completed and judged at the Congress Show. Judges will be provided with evaluation forms to complete, sign and turn into Youth Representative Selection Committee Chair. Average total score will determine the Candidate's final scores.
- Up to 20 points participation at the shows
- Up to 20 points on the interview with the board
 - Board members will be given an evaluation form to be completed, signed and returned to designated committee member. Evaluation criteria:
 - Related experience—1-5 points.
 - Public speaking skills—1-5 points
 - Personal presentation—1- 5 points.
 - Knowledge of the BHAM rule book – 1-5 points.
- Total score will determine candidates final score.
- Total possible: points
 - Score summary sheets will be presented and reviewed at the December board meeting for selection approval.
 - Resumes, evaluation forms, tally sheets and all pertinent notes will be submitted to the BHAM Secretary at the end of each year for archiving/storage.