

# UNION COUNTY EQUESTRIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMATION

## A. Guidelines and Duties:

1. Only one candidate will be selected as Union County Equestrian Ambassador.
2. Candidate must be currently carrying a horse project.
3. Candidate must show their own project horse in the Ambassador Classes.
4. Candidate must exhibit in the project area in the current year's fair.
5. Candidate must not be or ever have been married.
6. Candidate cannot be Equestrian Ambassador more than once.
  1. Candidate must be willing and available to present ribbons and awards at the Union County Fair, 4-H Qualifying Show and Union County Open Shows and Ohio State Fair Junior Horse Show. He/She must wear Equestrian attire, for these presentations.
8. Candidate must be willing to promote the industry and attend special events, such as parades, when asked.

## B. Criteria For Selection

1. Deadline for applications returned to the Extension Office is Friday, June 6, 2008.  
**NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
2. **ONE-THIRD OF CANDIDATE'S PERCENTAGE TOTAL WILL COME FROM A 5-10 MINUTE INTERVIEW**, which will be held at **8:30 a.m. on June 21<sup>st</sup>**, by two qualified judges, held with each candidate. The scores for this interview will be determined as follows:

50%	Knowledge and ability to answer questions
20%	Activities leadership, and experience in the area
20%	Confidence and poise
10%	Appearance

A possible total of 200% points (100% from each judge) out of an overall possible total of 600% points will come from this interview. A set of ten interview questions will be given to the judges. Questions will be selected by the Ambassador Committee from 175 Light Horse Selection, 174 Beginning Horse Management, and 191R Horse Safety and You. **TWO-THIRDS OF CANDIDATE'S PERCENTAGE TOTAL WILL COME FROM SHOWING** at the Qualifying Show in the Ambassador Showmanship and Ambassador Horsemanship Classes. For Draft Club candidates, Ambassador Hitch Driving Class will replace the Horsemanship Class. Cards will be submitted to a member of the Ambassador Committee for tabulation with interview score. The percentage points awarded for each class will be doubled, making the total possible percentage points for each class 200% (400% including both classes), out of a possible total 600% percentage points, finally, for all candidates. This final score will then be divided by 6 to determine the actual percentage score.
1. Announcement of the Ambassador will be given at the Performance Against Standards (PAS) Horse Show June 21st.