



Mail or deliver applications to: Teens and Oregon Mustangs
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2019 Teens and Oregon Mustangs Trainer Application Mustang Adoption Challenge - In-Hand Yearling Division

APPLICATIONS due by January 14, 2019 at 8:00 PM to FitzGerald Farms, Yamhill, OR.

Horse pick up: Saturday, February 16, 2019 Location TBD

Competition Move In Day: Thursday May 30, 2019 by 3pm

Crook County Fair Grounds Prineville, OR

Competition Dates: May 30th – June 2nd, 2019 High Desert Horse Fest Prineville, OR

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Teens and Oregon Mustangs Youth and Mustang Challenge trainer application:

All applicants 10 - 17 years old on May 30th 2019 must have parent/guardian signature, 18 year old applicants must sign. You must be enrolled in high school during 2019 or a lower grade at the time of the event. Please list your age as of May 30th 2019. Applicants will be notified on or before **January 21, 2019** by EMAIL regarding acceptance.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY for this application, **you are being scored on neatness.**

This application packet includes: application form, recommendation letter form, and application scoring sheet. The BLM Horse Adoption application must also be downloaded, filled out, and attached.

(Overall completeness and presentation – must be legible: 6 points)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Youth's Home Phone: _____ Youth's Cell: _____

Youth's Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip and County: _____

Youth's Email Address: _____ (we will use this)

Adult T-shirt size: _____

School: _____ Grade level: _____

Do you plan to keep your horse this year? Yes ___ or No ___ or Not decided yet _____

Physical Address (where the horse will be kept, include contact):

Contact name and phone number: _____

Street Address (include city, state, zip): _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent's Home Phone: _____ Parent's Cell: _____

Parent or Guardian Email Address: _____ (we will use this)

Do you have an Adult Trainer Partner for the competition? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Name of Adult Trainer _____

*By signing below, I am stating that I am aware and in agreement that I will assume all responsibility for the care and well-being of the mustang provided throughout the Teens and Oregon Mustangs Event. **Parent or Guardian Signature (Trainer Signature, if 18 years old on or before May 30, 2019):***

_____ **Date:** _____

Short answer section (3-4 sentence minimum):

1) What is your horse experience? (4-H, OSET, FFA, other) Have you ever owned a Mustang before? Do you have any experience with Mustangs? Please explain your riding, training, and other experiences with horses [for example, years involved in each area: 4 years in 4-H Showing horses western, English pleasure, and showmanship, and 3yrs ground training. One Mustang yearling trained for 3 months from corrals/wild to Co. Fairground training class, placing first in 2016.]. (6 points)

2) Please explain why you would like to participate in the Teens and Oregon Mustangs Youth and Mustang Challenge Event and why we should we consider you for selection. (4 points)

- 3) Describe your favorite horse experience that you have had and why horses are important to you? (~2 sentences) (2 points)

- 4) In one word describe your training style. (1 point)

- 5) In addition to the halter and lead rope that comes with your horse if you were given one piece of equipment to train what would it be. (1 point)

- 6) Describe your training support system (for example: parent(s), trainer(s), mentor(s), 4-H leader(s), and / or coach(s)) and how are they involved in the process. (3-4 sentences) (6 points)

- 7) How many days per week are you available to train your mustang? Additionally, please describe how you will successfully train your mustang with this schedule? Give us an example of a week of your training plan. (6 points)

8) **Personal Biography:** This will be used as your introduction on the website, at the event for the competition, and the auction (3-4 sentences about you). (4 points) [Example: name, age, why you are training a mustang, something unique about you - please keep it short – AND IT WILL BE SPOKEN OUT LOUD, so please read it out loud to someone before submission.]

9) How would you react if a horse keeps putting its hind-end toward you in a round pen and refuses to acknowledge your presence? (300 word maximum) (6 points) What are you going to do to find a buyer for your horse /or/ if you are planning to keep your yearling, how will you help advertise / promote the Teens and OR Mustangs program? Share your promotion plans and provide 2-3 examples. (4 points)

10) In 5 years, what do you see your involvement in horses might be? (2 points)

11) What are three areas you hope that your Adult trainer will be able to help you with?

Please attach the following to your application:

- Required: INCLUDE (Recommendation form attached) - One **letter of recommendation** from someone who believes you would be a good candidate for this Teens and Oregon Mustangs Competition. If they want their comments to be without the competitors review, please have them put it in an envelope, seal it, and sign across the seal. Letter of recommendation must not be from trainer’s relative. (2 points)
- Required: INCLUDE a **photo of yourself** (and a horse, if desired), minimum size 4x6 hard copy or .jpg file on cd – minimum of approximately 700 kb size. (2 points)
- Required: INCLUDE a completed **BLM Adoption Application** (download from the BLM website or www.teensandoregonmustangs.org) – **if the applicant is under 18 years old as of May 30, 2019, note that the parent/guardian is the adopter of the horse, not the trainer applicant, please fill out this paperwork properly.** (2 points)

I, _____(participant only if over 18) if selected as a trainer, will commit to the full training and care of the horse I am given for the competition if selected. I agree that my horse will remain at the Linn County Fairgrounds for the full duration of the event until I am released according to the Teens Board criteria. I am responsible for caring for my own horse during the entire event. I fully understand that I will have the option to adopt/keep the horse at the culmination of the event for the price of the \$25 BLM title transfer fee. IF I’m not adopting my horse, it will be sold/adopted during the live public auction where \$100 of the sale will be distributed to Teens and Oregon Mustangs (includes BLM Title Transfer Fee). The remainder of the sale price will be paid directly to the trainer through Teens and Oregon Mustangs.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Applicant Guardian Signature (if minor) _____

By signing below I am stating that I am aware and in agreement that participation in this event is by invitation only. The Committee has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from a Teens and Oregon Mustangs Youth and Mustang Challenge Event and competition for any or no reason at all. I am also stating that all questions above have been answered honestly by the trainer applying for this competition.

I hereby WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE, the Mustang Heritage Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Teens and Oregon Mustangs, Inc., FitzGerald Farms LLC, Crook County, the Fair Board, Crook County Fairgrounds and their representatives and employees of and from all liability, and any and all possible causes of action in law or in equity that may result from an injury to me (including death), my facilities, or anyone in my care caused by the negligence or other actionable conduct of the Mustang Heritage Foundation or Bureau of Land Management or Teens and Oregon Mustangs, Inc. or FitzGerald Farms LLC or their representatives or employees.

I further agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, Mustang Heritage Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Teens and Oregon Mustangs, Inc., FitzGerald Farms LLC, Crook County, the Fair Board, Crook County Fairgrounds and their representatives and employees for damages, attorney fees and expenses resulting from an injury to me (including death), my facilities, or anyone in my care, even if such injury or damage is caused or claimed to be caused by the negligence or other actionable conduct of Mustang Heritage Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Teens and Oregon Mustangs, Inc., or FitzGerald Farms LLC, or their representatives or employees.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(required if applicant is not 18 years old at time of application)

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This is the scoring that will be used for the 2019 Teens and Oregon Mustangs competitor applications.

Teens and Oregon Mustangs Application Scoring Sheet (Rubric) 2019

Applicant name: _____

Criteria	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points	Weighted	/Total Points Available
Completeness of general information (page 1 and overall application)	Submitted on Time and All sections answered thoroughly & Neat / professional	One to two sections not answered thoroughly Neat	Submitted late (and complete) and / or three sections not answered thoroughly	Greater than three sections not answered thoroughly	X 2	/6
Experience with Horses (Q1)	Level 3 Multiple experiences (3 or more examples)	Level 2 Some experience (2 examples)	Level 1 Little experience (1 example)	Level 0 No experience (none)	X 2	/6
Why participate (Q2)	NA	Addresses question w/ reasons	Partially addresses or no reason	Did not answer	X 2	/4
Favorite horse experience (Q3)	NA	Example, well written	Example, poorly written	No example	X 1	/2
Training Style and Equipment (Q4)	NA	Answered both questions	Answered one question	No Answers	X 1	/2
Training Support (Q5)	Support of 3 or more people	Support of 2 people	Support of 1 person	No support	X 2	/6
Training Days (Q6)	A or B with excellent reasoning and training plan	A or B with reasoning and partial plan	A or B or C with plan and / or reasoning unclear	D or no reasoning or no plan	X 2	/6
Personal Bio (Q7)	NA	Excellent intro, well written	Poorly written intro	No introduction	X 2	/4
Reaction (Q8)	Responds with equal action to horse, safely, with strong assertion	Responds to action, safely, with moderate assertion	Responds to action in a delayed way, but safely	Unsafe response or no response	X 2	/6
Marketing (Q9)	NA	Explains plans and has ideas for 2 or more things to market	Plan explained and one idea for marketing	No ideas to market horse	X 2	/4
5 yr future (Q10)	NA	Has some plans including horses	Plans without horses	No plans	X 1	/2
3 Things you want to learn (Q11)	Lists all 3	Lists 2	Lists 1	No answer	X2	/6
Application Attachments	All three included completely	Two items included completely	One item included completely	No items completed	X2	/6
					TOTAL POINTS	/60

Letter of Recommendation Form: (points part of attachments)



Applicant: Required is one letter of recommendation from someone who knows you and if possible, your horse skills. For example: your OSHET coach, your 4-H leader, your High School Rodeo coach, performance judges, counselor or teacher, **not a relative**. Please fill out your name and your recommender name and pass this form to them. They will need to return it to you for your full application submission for the Teens and Oregon Mustangs Event. **Deadline: January 14, 2019 by 8 PM delivered.**



Applicant name: _____

Recommender: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____



Recommender: Please fill in this sheet (or attach additional sheet) with your inputs on the applicant for the 2019 Teens and Oregon Mustangs Youth and Mustang Adoption Challenge Competition. We would specifically like to understand their horse skills and other abilities that would make them great candidates for this competition. If you want your comments to be without the competitor's review, please put the recommender form in an envelope, seal it, and sign across the seal and it will remain confidential. Thank you for your support of youth in our community.