

American-International Charolais Association  
National Junior Merit Program

**GUIDELINE FORM**

The American-International Junior Charolais Association (AIJCA) offers the National Junior Merit Program as an opportunity for young Charolais breeders to become nationally recognized for continued achievement. The program is an effort to encourage all AIJCA members not only to strive for excellence, but to report it and be recognized.

The National Junior Merit Program is based on activities of an AIJCA member's entire career. There are three general levels of recognition - Bronze, Silver and Gold. AIJCA members are responsible for recording the points they accumulate. Awards are presented at the AIJCA Annual Awards Banquet held during Junior National. Recipients of the Gold Merit are eligible to interview for the Elite Gold Award. Eligible recipients must attend Junior National the year they receive their Gold Merit to participate in the interview process.

The application for the program is available from the American-International Charolais Association (AICA), Director of Junior Activities, 11700 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, MO 64153; phone (816) 464-5977; fax: (816) 464-5759; e-mail: [klewis@charolaisusa.com](mailto:klewis@charolaisusa.com). The Merit Application is also available on the Internet at [www.charolaisusa.com](http://www.charolaisusa.com).

When an AIJCA member has accumulated the required number of points, the completed application should be sent to the AICA Director of Junior Activities.

**General Guidelines**

1. Any paid member of the AIJCA is eligible. No age restriction applies except for the Gold Award.
2. The points awarded are to be accumulated over the entire career of the AIJCA member.
3. 1,000 points are required for the Bronze Award. 2,000 points are required for the Silver Award. 3,250 points are required for the Gold Award. Applications for the Gold Award must be typewritten. The Merit Application is available on the Internet at [www.charolaisusa.com](http://www.charolaisusa.com).
4. Points from Categories I, II, III and IV must be included in the total for the Bronze and Silver Awards. Points from Categories I, II, III, IV and V must be included in the total for the Gold Award.
5. No more than 500 points in each category are permitted in the total for the Bronze Award. No more than 1000 points in each category are permitted in the total for the Silver Award. No more than 1,250 points in each category are permitted in the total for the Gold Award.
6. An AIJCA member may receive the Bronze or Silver Award at anytime. Applicants are eligible to receive the Gold Award during and/or after reaching their junior year (11th grade) in high school.
7. Applicants receiving the Gold Award who would like to be considered for the Gold Elite, must interview at the upcoming Junior National. Therefore applicants are encouraged to apply for Gold Status only when they are ready to interview for Gold Elite.
8. An AIJCA member is only eligible to receive a Bronze, Silver and Gold Award once in their career.
9. Applications must be postmarked by December 31 of the current year.
10. Additional pages may be added to application if necessary.

11. The Point Accumulation Form must have the following three signatures in order to be submitted :
- A. Applicant's
  - B. The applicant should obtain the signature of one of the following:  
4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, County Extension Agent, College/University Advisor or state affiliate advisor
  - C. AICA Director of Junior Activities. This signature will be provided upon review of completed application form in the office.
12. It is not necessary for the applicant to complete a Point Accumulation Form for each level of recognition. A complete form is only valid for consideration in the year of application.
13. Only complete applications, including the required signatures and photograph(s), will be scored for award consideration.

**Point Outline**

**I. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

<i>A. Association Offices</i>	<i>AIJCA</i>	<i>Affiliate</i>	<i>4H/FFA</i>
President	400	200	100
Vice President	300	150	50
Secretary	200	100	25
Treasurer	200	100	25
Reporter		100	25
Other Office		100	25
Director (Area)	150	75	
Member	100	50	25

**RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. Secretary and Treasurer are worth twice as much if combined.
2. Points are awarded for each year of service (i.e. 2 terms as State President = 400 points).
3. Points are awarded for membership of AIJCA by the number of years annual dues have been paid.
4. 4-H/FFA activities refers to local, state and national involvement.

**II. COMPETITION ACTIVITIES**

<i>A. Open and Junior Shows</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Local</i>
Champion	200	150	50
Reserve Champion	150	125	40
Division Champion	125	100	30
Reserve Division Champion	100	90	20
Class Winner	100	90	20
Second through Tenth Place	90	50	10
All Other Placings	75	50	

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Double points if Bred and Owned.
2. Points will only be awarded for the highest placing of an individual animal for each show exhibited.
3. No animal may accumulate more than 350 points per year.

### B. *Showmanship*

1. Junior National Showmanship Contests
  - a. Champion Division Showman 300
  - b. Reserve Champion Division Showman 200
  - c. Participant 50
2. State Level Showmanship contests
  - a. Grand 100 (Senior) or 50 (Junior)
  - b. Reserve 50 (Senior) or 25 (Junior)
3. Local Level Showmanship Contests
  - a. Grand 50 (Senior) or 25 (Junior)
  - b. Reserve 25 (Senior) or 15 (Junior)

C. *Charolais Junior National Herdsman of the Year* 125

## III. PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES

### A. *Performance Information Records*

1. Submit & print birth records on all owned calves 50 points per year per herd
2. Submit & print weaning records on all owned calves 50 points per year per herd
3. Submit & print yearling records on all owned calves 75 points per year per herd

B. *The applicant should obtain an Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) Herd Listing from the AICA Recording Secretary (or online) for Charolais breeding animals they currently own. Include this listing with the Point Accumulation Form. On the Point Accumulation Form, the applicant should rank each animal owned based on EPDs and provide an explanation of the ranking.* 75 points

C. *Produce a Dam of Distinction* 250 points per cow

D. *Collect carcass data on Bred and Owned calves* 50 points per calves

E. *Each bull owned by applicant included in AICA Sire Summary* 50 points per bull

F. *Other (Any additional performance activities for consideration.)*

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Bred and Owned Carcass Data (D) must be accompanied with signature of qualified supervision.

## IV. PRODUCING AND MERCHANDISING CHAROLAIS

A. Registrations	25 points each
B. Top in Registrations by per year by AIJCA member	50 (National) or 25 (State)
C. Transfers	15 points each
D. Participation in Production or Consignment Sales	50 points per lot consigned
E. Participation/attendance of Beef Industry Seminars. (Include name and location of seminar(s) attended. Does not include AICA or AIJCA sponsored seminars and/or meetings.)	50 points per seminar
F. Design and Build or Obtain Farm Signs	
1. Permanent for home use	50 points
2. Portable for exhibition use	50 points

### RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Top in registrations per year, 1992 and after, (national and/or state) by an AIJCA member (applicant). This will be determined by the AIJCA Director of Activities based on year end AICA records, after complete Point Accumulation Form is reviewed in the AICA office.
2. Participation in consignment and production sales applies only to females and bulls.
3. Points for farm signs awarded only once, and photos must be included.

## V. OTHER AIJCA ACTIVITIES

A. Junior National Leadership Conference Attendance	100	
B. Attendance of AIJCA Board of Directors meetings (AIJCA Board Members not eligible for points. Junior National meetings not included.)	20	
C. Public Speaking Contest Participation	National	State
1. Prepared Division	75	50
2. Impromptu Division	50	25
D. Junior National Contests Participation		
1. Poster Contest Entry	50	
2. Photo Contest Entry	50	
3. Resume Entry	75	
4. Art Contest	50	
5. Interview Contest Participant	50	
6. Team Fitting Contest Participant	50	
7. Cookout Contest Participant	50	
8. Quiz Bowl Contest Participant	50	

### RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Points awarded for each year of participation.

**American-International Junior Charolais Association  
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**Point Accumulation Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AIJCA Breeder # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ D/O/B: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

**I. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

A. AIJCA Offices & Membership \_\_\_\_\_

B. Charolais Affiliate Assoc. Offices & Membership \_\_\_\_\_

C. 4-H/FFA Offices & Membership \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

**II. COMPETITION ACTIVITIES**

A. Open and Junior Charolais Shows \_\_\_\_\_

B. Showmanship Participation \_\_\_\_\_

C. Charolais Junior National Herdsman of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COMPETITION ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

**III. PERFORMANCE TESTING ACTIVITIES**

A. Performance Information (Birth, Weaning & Yearling) \_\_\_\_\_

B. EPD Herd Ranking \_\_\_\_\_

C. Dams of Distinction \_\_\_\_\_

D. Carcass Data \_\_\_\_\_

E. Bulls listed in Sire Summary \_\_\_\_\_

G. Other \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PERFORMANCE TESTING ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. PROUDCING AND MERCHANDISING CHAROLAIS**

A. Registrations \_\_\_\_\_

B. Top in Registrations (AICA) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Transfers \_\_\_\_\_

D. Production/Consignment Sales \_\_\_\_\_

E. Participation in Beef Industry Seminars \_\_\_\_\_

F. Farm Signs \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PRODUCING AND MERCHANDISING CHAROLAIS \_\_\_\_\_

**V. OTHER AIJCA ACTIVITIES**

A. Junior National Conference Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

B. AIJCA Board of Directors Meeting Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

C. Public Speaking Contests \_\_\_\_\_

D. Junior National Contests Participation \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL OTHER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POINTS ACCUMULATED \_\_\_\_\_

**I am qualifying for**

Bronze:

Silver:

Gold:

*Please check all that apply*

# I. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

## A. AIJCA Offices & Membership

<i>Year</i>	<i>Office/Membership</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total A) \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Charolais Affiliate Association Offices & Membership

<i>Year</i>	<i>Office/Membership</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total B) \_\_\_\_\_

## C. 4-H/FFA Offices & Membership

<i>Year</i>	<i>Office/Membership</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total C) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES** \_\_\_\_\_



**B. Showmanship Participation (Types: National, State and Local)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Show Name &amp; Type</i>	<i>Jr./Int./Sr.</i>	<i>Placing</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Total B) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Charolais Junior National Herdsman of the Year**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total C) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COMPETITION ACTIVITIES** \_\_\_\_\_



### III. PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES

#### A. Performance Information

Please attach a printed copy of your Birth, Weaning and Yearling records on all owned calves.

##### 1. Birth Records on All Owned Calves

<i>Year</i>	<i>Reg. # and/or Dam's Reg. #</i>	<i>Birth Weight</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				(Total A1) _____

##### 2. Weaning Records on All Owned Calves

<i>Year</i>	<i>Reg. # and/or Dam's Reg. #</i>	<i>Adj. 205-day Weight</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				(Total A2) _____

##### 3. Yearling Records on All Owned Calves

<i>Year</i>	<i>Reg. # and/or Dam's Reg. #</i>	<i>Adj. 365-day Weight</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				(Total A3) _____

(Total A1, A2 & A3 ) \_\_\_\_\_

B. EPD Herd Ranking (AICA EPD Herd Listing must be attached)

1. EPD Herd Ranking

<i>Reg. #</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Reg. #</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Ranking</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Explanation of EPD Herd Ranking by Applicant

(Total B) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Dams of Distinction Produced**

<i>Reg. #</i>	<i>Date Awarded Dam of Distinction Status</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total C) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Bred and Owned Calves Carcass Data**

<i>Reg. # Sire/Dam</i>	<i>Live Weight</i>	<i>Hot Carcass Weight</i>	<i>Backfat</i>	<i>Ribeye Area</i>	<i>KPH</i>	<i>Yield Grade</i>	<i>Marbling Score</i>	<i>Quality Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Total D) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Supervisor*  
*(4-H or FFA Leader, Extension Personnel, etc.)*

**E. Bulls owned by applicant included in current AICA Sire Summary.**

<i>Bull's Name</i>	<i>Registration #</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total F) \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Other. List additional performance activities for consideration.**

(Total G) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES** \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. PRODUCING & MERCHANDISING CHAROLAIS

### A. Registrations

<i>AICA Registration #</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total A) \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Top in Registrations/year by AIJCA member (applicant)

<i>Year</i>	<i>National/State</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total B) \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Transfers (Both Purchased & Sold)

<i>Reg. #</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Purchased/Sold</i>	<i>Date Transferred</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Total C) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Production/Consignment Sales**

<i>Sale Name</i>	<i>Sale Date</i>	<i>Reg. # of Lot(s) Consigned</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
			<i>(Total D)</i> _____

**E. Participation in Beef Industry Seminars**

<i>Name/Sponsor of Seminar</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
			<i>(Total E)</i> _____

**F. Farm Signs**

	<i>Points</i>
<i>1. Permanent for home use (include picture)</i>	_____
<i>2. Portable for exhibition use (include picture)</i>	_____
	<i>(Total F)</i> _____

**TOTAL PRODUCING & MERCHANDISING CHAROLAIS** \_\_\_\_\_

**V. OTHER AIJCA ACTIVITIES**

**A. Junior National Leadership Conference Attendance**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
		(Total A) _____

**B. Attendance of AIJCA Board of Directors Meetings**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
		(Total B) _____

**C. Public Speaking Contest Participation**

**1. Prepared Division**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>National/State</i>	<i>Speech Topic</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				(Total C1) _____

**2. Impromptu Division**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>National/State</i>	<i>Speech Topic</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				(Total C2) _____

D. Junior National Contests Participation

1. Poster Contest Entry

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Photo Contest Entry

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Resume Contest Entry

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Art Contest Entry

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Interview Contest Participant

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

6. Team Fitting Contest Participant

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. Cook-off Contest Participant

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

8. Quiz Bowl Contest Participant

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Points</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Total E) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OTHER AIJCA ACTIVITIES** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Only complete applications, including the required signatures below, will be submitted to the AICA Junior Council for approval.

*Required signatures:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, County Ext. Agent, College/University Advisor or State Charolais Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ AICA Director of Junior Activities

Mail Completed Forms (must be postmarked by Dec. 31) to: AICA Director of Junior Activities  
11700 NW Plaza Circle  
Kansas City, MO 64153



