

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: info@charolaisusa.com. The Merit Application is also available on the Internet at 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.
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 |
| | | | |
| <i>B. Association Representatives</i> | | | |
| Queen/Ambassador | 200 | 100 | 50 |
| Princess/ Junior Ambassador | 100 | 50 | 25 |
| Scholarship Recipient | 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. *Genomic Profile Testing* 75 points per animal

G. *Enrollment in Whole Herd Rewards (WHR) Program (per year)* 100 points per year

H. *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/Graphic Design Contest Entry | 50 | |
| 2. Photo Contest Entry | 50 | |
| 3. Interview/Resume Entry | 75 | |
| 4. Art Contest | 50 | |
| 5. Interview Contest Participant | 50 | |
| 6. Team Fitting Contest Participant | 50 | |
| 7. Team Sales Contest Participant | 50 | |
| 8. Cookout Contest Participant | 50 | |
| 9. Quiz Bowl Contest Participant | 50 | |
| 10. Mentor/Mentee Program Participant | 50 | |

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Points awarded for each year of participation.

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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. Offices & Membership _____

B. Association Representatives _____

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 _____

F. Genomic Profile Testing _____

G. Enrollment in Whole Herd Rewards (WHR) _____

H. Other _____

TOTAL PERFORMANCE TESTING ACTIVITIES _____

IV. PRODUCING 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

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) _____

D. Bred and Owned Calves Carcass Data

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

(Total D) _____

Signature of Supervisor

(4-H or FFA Leader, Extension Personnel, etc.)

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

| Bull's Name | Registration # | Points |
|-------------|----------------|--------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Total E) _____

F. Animals owned by applicant with Genomic Profile Testing on file at AICA.

| Animal's Name | Registration # | Points |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Total F) _____

G. Applicant enrolled in Whole Herd Rewards (WHR) Enrollment Program with AICA.

| Year | Points | Year | Points |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Total G) _____

H. Other. List additional performance activities for consideration.

(Total H) _____

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> |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(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/Graphic Design 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/Resume 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. Team Sales Contest Participant

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

8. Cook-off Contest Participant

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

9. Quiz Bowl Contest Participant

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

10. Mentor/Mentee Program Participant

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

(Total E) _____

TOTAL OTHER AIJCA ACTIVITIES _____

