American Gelbvieh Junior Association
2020 Board of Directors Application

Purpose: A completed application is the first step in the process of becoming an American Gelbvieh Junior Association Director. Must be post marked by May 26, 2020.

Eligibility:
AGJA Members interested in working for the future of the Gelbvieh breed and improving their own leadership skills should run for the AGJA Board of Directors. There will be four two-year terms open on the nine-member Board in 2020.

2. Candidates must complete the Board of Directors application and submit it to the AGA office, postmarked by May 26, 2020. Applications are available on the website. Candidates who are nominated from the floor must complete a board application and submit it by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7.
3. Candidates are required to attend a board orientation meeting on Sunday, July 5th.
4. All candidates will complete an interview with the current Junior Board on Tuesday evening. The interview session will be open to the public.
5. Each candidate must be prepared to give a 2-5-minute speech at the AGJA Annual Meeting.
6. All campaigning must be done by verbal communication only. No stickers, posters, giveaway items, buttons etc.
7. Election will take place at the annual meeting. The result will be announced prior to the adjournment of the annual meeting.
8. Once elected to the AGJA Board of Directors, you are required to attend the National Gelbvieh Show and Sale, a fall AGJA Board Meeting at the location determined by the AGJA Board, as well as other meetings deemed necessary by the AGJA Board of Directors including but not limited to bi-monthly conference calls.
9. AGJA Board members are limited to participate in two on-site contests during Junior Classic excluding the cattle show and showmanship.
10. Any violation of these rules will result in consequences determined by the AGJA Board of Juniors.

Requirements:
1. Applicant must submit a typed essay of 750 words or less describing why you would like to be on the AGJA Board.
2. Applicant must provide three references along with appropriate contact information.
   a. Examples: Teacher, Advisor, Cooperative Extension Agent/FFA Advisor
3. The General Information form (below) must be typed.
4. Applicant will provide a recent photo; may be attached the cover sheet of application.
5. Applicant must sign the attached Board of Directors Job Description.

All documents must be mailed to: American Gelbvieh Junior Association
Attn: Jake Renner
1001 S 70th Street, Suite 215
Lincoln, NE 68505

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Check list: This document is for your use and is not required to be returned with your application. Please use this checklist as a guide to ensure you have submitted all the appropriate documents. Please submit your application in the order provided below.

______ General Information
______ Education Information
______ Gelbvieh Information
______ Extra-curricular Activities (awards, civic involvement, volunteering, etc.)
______ Essay
______ Three References along with contact information (may be listed on page)
______ Signed Board of Directors Job Description
______ AGJA Board of Directors Code of Conduct

*All applications will be available for members to view at the 2020 AGJA Route 66 Classic*
General Information:

Name:____________________________________________  Date: ___________________

Address:________________________ City:___________ State:______ Zip Code:_________

County of Residence: _____________ DOB: _____________ Email:___________________

Home Phone:_______________________ Cell Phone:_______________________

Parent/Guardian Names:__________________________________________________________

Name and Address of local newspaper:____________________________________________

I have read and signed the Application, Code of Conduct and Job Description:  □Yes  □No

Educational Information:

Year in School: _____________________ School attending: _____________________________

School Mailing Address:__________________________________________________________

School Phone Number:________________________

If in college, what is your major? ________________________________

Are you a 4-H member?  Yes  No  If yes, what club are you in?____________________

Are you an FFA member?  Yes  No  If yes, what is your chapter name?______________

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**Gelbvieh Information:**

How many years have you exhibited Gelbvieh or Balancer Cattle? ________________

How many years have you been an active member of the AGJA? ________________

**Activities:**

Please attach the following items to your application:

- Office held and honors awarded
- 4-H and/or FFA Activities
- High school/Collegiate activities outside of 4-H/FFA
- List extracurricular activities
  - Civic
  - Church involvement
  - Community volunteering
  - Other
- Essay: details are outlined in the AGJA Application under “Requirements”
American Gelbvieh Junior Association
Board of Directors Job Description

AGJA board members are asked to participate in activities from the local to national level. Directors should conduct themselves in a way that will educate, motivate and inspire current and potential AGJA members. Directors should also be respectful of fellow AGA breeders, parents, civic and community leaders, and leaders within the beef industry. To serve as a board member is a tremendous honor and a great educational opportunity that should not be taken lightly.

Responsibilities and Expectations of Board of Directors:
✓ AGJA Board of Directors will serve a two-year term with a maximum available of two terms available.
✓ AGJA Board of Directors must uphold the principles outlines within the AGJA Code of Conduct at all times.
✓ Directors will serve as a positive role model to fellow AGJA members at all times.
✓ AGJA board members are responsible for representing the entirety of the junior membership with no decision being made for self-interest or personal gain.
✓ Participate in training, orientation, continual self-improvement and evaluation of activities as provided by the AGA staff and AGA Board of Directors.
✓ Participate in appropriate industry events. (i.e. NCBA, YBIC, BIF)
✓ Coordinate with AGA Youth Activities Coordinator to schedule attendance at events.
✓ Participate in the planning and organization of AGJA sponsored events, with specific tasks assigned by the AGA Youth Activities Coordinator and AGJA adviser(s).
✓ Continually work to improve public speaking skills and ability to convey current industry issues and their impact on the Gelbvieh breed, AGJA and AGA membership.
✓ Develop positive relationships with AGJA members, AGA members, AGA staff, and potential industry leaders including but not limited to potential partners and sponsors.
✓ Attend AGJA Junior Classic, AGA National Convention, and “The Summit”.
✓ Attendance at one breeder or state affiliate sale/ event and one junior show (Eastern or Western Regional, NWSS, American Royal, N.A.I.L.E. or other approved shows) is highly encouraged.
✓ Participate in the planning and organization of the AGJA Junior Classic including conference calls, updates, etc.
✓ Responsible for contributing articles to Gelbvieh World as designated by AGJA President and AGJA Youth Activities Coordinator.
✓ Writing welcome/thank you notes for new AGJA members within your state/region is encouraged.
✓ AGJA board members are encouraged to compete in two contests, not including showmanship, at the AGJA Junior Classic and regional shows when they are serving on the board.
✓ AGJA Board of Director responsibilities take precedent over competing in any AGJA sponsored competition(s).
✓ The majority of travel expenses will be covered by the AGJA, however the AGJA board’s
fundraising will directly impact the AGJA’s ability to cover travel expenses.
✓ Participate in soliciting sponsors/donors for all AGJA sponsored activities.
✓ Demonstrate professionalism during industry and AGJA/AGA events and activities.
✓ Directors will always dress appropriately while representing the AGJA.
✓ AGJA Board of Directors official dress includes the official AGJA sport coat, white button-down shirt, black dress pants and dress boots or dress shoes. Male board members must also wear a tie. Events requiring Board of Directors official dress will be announced and discussed during board meetings.
✓ AGJA board members are required to attend all meetings, conference calls and leadership conferences unless excused by the AGA Youth Activities Coordinator (ex: participation in school competitions and/or teams, academic requirements, family emergencies, or other circumstances handled as needed).

Board of Directors that do not follow or cooperate with the expectations that are listed above are subject to grounds of warning by the AGA Youth Activities Coordinator. Warnings may be issued (1) when a board member is not willing to perform an assigned task without a good reason, or (2) for general lack of cooperation by a board member. Receiving (2) two warnings, is ground for recommendation of removal from the board. Official warnings may only be administered by the AGJA Youth Activities Coordinator or Advisor(s). Removal from the board requires discussion and a two-thirds majority vote of directors at a regular meeting. A special meeting may be called by the AGJA Youth Activities Coordinator or Advisor(s) in the event the request for removal has been submitted between regularly scheduled meetings. Inability to follow and respect above statements will result in a warning.

If elected, I, ______________________________ agree to the outlined responsibilities above and will perform the duties of American Gelbvieh Junior Association Board of Directors to the best of my ability.

_____________________________________________________
AGJA Board of Director Signature

Date: ______________

_____________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian

Date: ______________

_____________________________________________________
AGJA Junior Coordinator

Date: ______________
Code of Conduct:

“The AGJA Board of Directors will comply with all rules and code of conduct specified under the AGJA Rules and Bylaws, Article III, Sections 16 and 17. By signing this contract, board members and board candidates will abide by all rules. There will be no excuse for ignorance; all board members will be treated equally when found in violation of code of conduct. Violation of Article III, Sections 16 and 17 will result in Board members being immediately removed from the AGJA Board of Directors at the discretion of the AGA Junior Coordinator. All board candidates and board members are held fully responsible for understanding the Code of Conduct Alcohol and Drug Policy and will be held responsible for all actions.”

________________________________________________________  Date:_____________
AGJA Board of Director Applicant

________________________________________________________  Date:_____________
Parent or Guardian