

American Gelbvieh Junior Association

Board of Directors Application

Deadline: June 1, 2023

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 five two-year terms open on the nine-member Board in 2023.

1. Candidates must be 16 but not yet reached their 20th birthday by January 1, 2023.
2. Candidates must complete the Board of Directors application and submit it to the AGA office, postmarked by June 1, 2023. Candidates who are nominated from the floor must complete a board application and submit it by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.
3. All candidates and parents are required to attend a board orientation meeting on Sunday, July 2nd, time and location TBD.
4. Each candidate must be prepared to give a 2-5-minute speech during the AGJA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. The election will take place at the annual meeting. Result will be announced prior to the adjournment of the annual meeting.
5. Campaigning is limited to one (1) poster and verbal communication only. No stickers, giveaway items, buttons, etc. will be permitted.
 - a. Poster must follow size/dimension rules as Poster Contest and include the following:
 - Photo of Candidate
 - Hometown and State
 - Why you want to run for the Board
 - At minimum, one goal you have for the future of the AGJA.
 - Hobbies & Interest
6. Once elected to the AGJA Board of Directors, you are required to attend the National Gelbvieh Show and Sale, a fall and spring AGJA Board Meeting at the location determined by the AGJA Board, as well as other meetings deemed necessary by the AGA Member and Youth Activities Coordinator, Advisors or fellow Directors including, but not limited to, scheduled conference calls.
7. AGJA Board members are limited to participate in two on-site contests during Junior Classic excluding the cattle show and showmanship.
8. Any violation of these rules will result in consequences determined by the AGA Member and Youth Activities Coordinator, Advisors, or fellow Directors.

Application Requirements:

1. Applicant must submit a typed essay of 750 words or less describing why you would like to be on the AGJA Board for the 2022-2024 term.
2. Applicant must provide three non-relative references along with appropriate contact information.
3. The **General Information** form (below) must be typed.
4. Applicant will provide a recent photo; may be attached to the cover sheet of application.
5. Applicant must sign the attached **Board of Directors Job Description**.

All documents may be mailed to: American Gelbvieh Junior Association
Attn: Jake W. Renner
1001 S 70th Street, Ste. 215
Lincoln, NE 68510

**Digital copies may be emailed to gelbviejuniors@gmail.com*

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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 and/or reviewed 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.)
- _____ Reviewed the Important Dates to Remember
- _____ Reviewed the AGJA Rules & Bylaws
- _____ Essay
- _____ Three References along with contact information (may be listed on page)
- _____ Signed Board of Directors Job Description

**All applications will be available for members to view at the 2023 AGJA Great Dakota 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? _____

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”

Important Dates to Remember and Required Travel:

- Fall AGJA Board Meeting
 - *Date: Mid/Late September 2023*
 - *Location: TBD*
- AGA Convention (If Assigned)
 - *Date: November 29 – December 1, 2023*
 - *Location: Louisville, Kentucky*
- AGA National Show & Sale
 - *Date: Early January 2024*
 - *Location: TBD*
- Spring AGA Board Meeting
 - *Date: Mid/Late February 2024*
 - *Location: TBD*
- Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC)
 - *Date: April 26-28, 2024*
 - *Location: Denver, CO*
- AGA Summer Board Meeting (If Assigned)
 - *Date: August 2024*
 - *Location: TBD*
- IGS Youth Leadership Conference, The Summit (If Active)
 - *Date: Late July/Early August 2025*
 - *Location: TBD*

American Gelbvieh Junior Association Board of Directors

Position 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.
- ✓ Directors will familiarize themselves with the AGJA Rules & Bylaws, Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission statement.
- ✓ 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 Junior 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 during their term regardless of participation as an exhibitor.
- ✓ Attendance one breeder or state affiliate sale/ event and one junior show (eastern or western regional, NWSS, Kansas City, North American or other approved shows) is highly encouraged.
- ✓ Attendance, for the entire duration, at the annual AGA National Show & Sale is required by all directors regardless of event participation.
- ✓ Participate in the planning and organization of the AGJA Junior Classic including conference calls, updates, fundraising, 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).
- ✓ Travel expenses, at the most financially responsible, will be covered by the AGJA including flights, personal mileage, food and lodging. However, the AGJA board 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). An attempt to notify the AGA Youth Activities Coordinator must be made in a timely manner if unable to attend events, meeting or activities.

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 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 AGA 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 AGA 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. I also sign to signify that I have reviewed the important dates to remember and am aware that I am expected to attend according to the expectations outlined within this document.

AGJA Director Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date