

# American Gelbvieh Junior Association

## Board of Directors Application

Deadline June 1, 2024

*Any AGJA members that are interested in promoting the future of the AGJA and Gelbvieh and Balancer cattle, who also want to improve their own leadership skills, should consider applying and running for the AGJA Board of Directors. There will be four (4) 2-year terms open on the 9-member board in 2024.*

### Eligibility:

1. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age but have not yet reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1, 2024.
2. Only active, dues-paying members of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association are eligible to apply.
3. Interested candidates must complete and submit the Board of Directors application to the AGA office. All applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2024.
4. **OR**, Candidates nominated from the floor must complete and submit a Board of Directors application and submit it to the AGA Youth Activities Coordinator at [tawnie@gelbvieh.org](mailto:tawnie@gelbvieh.org) no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.
5. Each candidate must be prepared to present a 2–5-minute speech during the AGJA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. The election will take place at the annual meeting. Results will be announced prior to the adjournment of the annual meeting.
6. Campaigning is limited to one (1) poster and verbal communication only. No stickers, giveaway items, buttons, etc. will be permitted.
  - a. Poster must follow the size/dimension rules as the Poster Contest and include the following:
    - i. Photo of Candidate
    - ii. Hometown and State
    - iii. Hobbies and Interests
    - iv. Why do you want to run for the Board?
    - v. Minimum one goal you have for the future of AGJA.
7. 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 a 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.
8. AGJA Board members are limited to participating in two (2) on-site contests during Junior Classic, excluding the cattle shows and showmanship contest.
9. 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. Applicants must submit a typed essay of 750 words or less describing why they would like to be elected to the AGJA Board for the 2024-2026 term.
2. Applicants must provide three non-relative references along with appropriate contact information.
3. The *General Information* form below must be typed and accompany the application materials.

4. Applicant must provide a recent photo that may be attached to the cover sheet of the application packet.
5. Applicant must sign the attached *Board of Directors Job Description*.

Application packet materials can be mailed to:

American Gelbvieh Association  
Attn: Tawnie DeJong  
1001 S 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 215  
Lincoln, NE 68510

Digital copies may be emailed to [tawnie@gelbvieh.org](mailto:tawnie@gelbvieh.org).

**Application Packet Check List:** The following check list is for your use only and is not required to be returned with your application materials. Please use this checklist as a guide to ensure you have reviewed and submitted all appropriate documents. Please submit your application in the order provided below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ General Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gelbvieh Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra-Curricular Activities (awards, civic involvement, volunteerism, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed the *Required Travel* section of this application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed the *AGJA Rules and By-Laws* (can be found on the Gelbvieh website under Juniors)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three references along with contact information (may be listed on a separate page)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Board of Directors Job Description

*\*All completed application materials will be available for membership to review at the 2024 AGJA Way Out West Classic prior to AGJA Annual Meeting and election\**

**General Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If in college, what is your major? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a 4-H member?  YES  NO

If yes, what is the name of your club? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an FFA member?  YES  NO

If yes, what is the name of your chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

**Gelbvieh Information:**

How many years have you exhibited Gelbvieh or Balancer cattle? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been an active AGJA member? \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra-Curricular Activities:**

Please attach an activities resume including the following items to your application:

- 4-H and/or FFA activities
- High School/Collegiate activities outside of 4-H or FFA
- Organizational involvement and offices held
- Honors and awards
- Civic activities
- Church involvement
- Volunteerism
- Other items as necessary

**Essay:**

Applicants must submit a typed essay of 750 words or less describing why they would like to be elected to the AGJA Board for the 2024-2026 term.

### **Required Travel for 2024-2026 Term:**

\*Note\* All items labeled "If Assigned" require 1-2 Directors to be in attendance. These opportunities/responsibilities will be spread amongst current Directors. Plan to be assigned 1-2 of these events total during a 2-year term.

- Fall AGJA Board Meeting
  - o Date: mid-late September 2024
  - o Location: TBD
- AGA National Show & Sale
  - o Date: Early January 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- Spring AGJA Board Meeting
  - o Date: mid-late February 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- AGJA Classic 2025
  - o Date: June 22-28, 2025
  - o Location: Lebanon, TN
- IGS Youth Leadership Conference, The Summit
  - o Date: Late July/Early August 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- Fall AGJA Board Meeting
  - o Date: mid-late September 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- AGA National Show & Sale
  - o Date: early January 2026
  - o Location: TBD
- Spring AGJA Board Meeting
  - o Date: mid-late February 2026
  - o Location: TBD
- Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC)
  - o Date: April 2026
  - o Location: TBD
- AGJA Classic 2026
  - o Date: Late June – early July 2026
  - o Location: Grand Island, NE
- Summer AGA Board Meeting (if assigned)
  - o Date: mid-late August 2024
  - o Location: TBD
- AGA Convention (if assigned)
  - o Date: December 4-6, 2024
  - o Location: Kansas City, MO
- NCBA Convention (if assigned)
  - o Date: February 4-6, 2025
  - o Location: San Antonio, TX
- Spring AGA Board Meeting (if assigned)
  - o Date: early April 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- Summer AGA Board Meeting (if assigned)
  - o Date: mid-late August 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- AGA Convention (if assigned)
  - o Date: early December 2025
  - o Location: TBD
- NCBA Convention (if assigned)
  - o Date: early February 3-5, 2026
  - o Location: Nashville, TN
- Spring AGA Board Meeting (if assigned)
  - o Date: early April 2026
  - o Location: TBD