American Gelbvieh Junior Association

Board of Directors Application

Deadline June 1, 2025

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 five (5) 2-year terms open on the 9-member board in 2025.

Eligibility:

1. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age but have not yet reached their 20th birthday by January 1, 2025.
2. Only active, dues-paying members of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association are eligible to apply.
3. Applicants must submit a complete Board of Directors application packet to the AGA office electronically no later than June 1, 2025. Applications are available on the website.
4. Candidates who are nominated from the floor during the opening ceremony held on Monday, June 23, 2025 must complete a board application and submit it electronically to martha@gelbvieh.org by noon Tuesday, June 24, 2025.
5. All candidates will complete a brief public interview with the current Junior Board held during Opening Ceremonies on Monday, June 23, 2025.
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. Each candidate must prepare a 2-5-minute speech to be presented during the AGJA Annual Meeting held Wednesday, June 25. The official election will take place following candidate speeches. The results will be announced prior to the adjournment of the Annual Meeting
8. Current and newly elected AGJA Directors are required to attend the National Gelbvieh Show and Sale, other major shows as requested, a Fall and Spring AGJA board meeting, participate in conference calls or zoom meetings as needed as well as other meetings deemed necessary by the AGJA Board of Directors.
9. Any violation of these rules will result in consequences determined by the current junior board of directors with advisement from the Member & Youth Activities Coordinator and acting AGJA Advisors.
10. In the case of a vacancy if all open spots are not filled, there will be a special election held to fill the 1-year term at the annual meeting.
    - Applicants for the one-year term must be between the ages 16 – 21 as of January 1 of the current year.
11. AGJA Board of Director candidates are encouraged to review and familiarize themselves with the AGJA Rules and Bylaws.
12. AGJA Board members are limited to participating in two (2) on-site contests during Junior Classic, excluding the cattle shows and showmanship contest.
13. All candidates must be present to run for a position on the AGJA Board.

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 2025-2027 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 of themselves with their application packet
5. Applicant must sign the attached Board of Directors Job Description

Applications must be emailed to martha@gelbvieh.org by 11:59 PM CST on June 1, 2025

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 2025 AGJA Grand Ole Gelbvieh 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:

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Required Travel for 2025-2027 Term:

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

AGJA Board Meetings (Required)

- Fall AGJA Board Meeting
  - Date: September 2025 & 2026
  - Location: TBD
- Spring AGJA Board Meeting
  - Date: Spring 2026 & 2027
  - Location: TBD

AGA National Show & Sale (Required)

- Cattlemen's Congress
  - Date: Early January 2026
  - Location: Oklahoma City, OK
- National Western
  - Date: January 2027
  - Location: Denver, CO

AGJA Junior Classic (Required)

- AGJA Classic 2026
  - Date: Late June, 2026
  - Location: Grand Island, NE
- AGJA Classic 2027
  - Date: TBD
  - Location: TBD

Industry Leadership Events (Required)

- IGS Youth Leadership Conference, The Summit
  - Date: July 20-23, 2025
  - Location: Philadelphia, PA
- Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC)
  - Date: April 2026
  - Location: TBD

Major Shows (If Assigned)

- American Royal
  - Date: October 2025 & 2026
  - Location: Kansas City, MO
- NILE
  - Date: October 2025 & 2026
  - Location: Billings, MT
- North American
  - Date: November 2025 & 2026
  - Location: Louisville, KY
- Cattlemen's Congress
  - Date: January 2026 & 2027
  - Location: Oklahoma City, OK
- National Western
  - Date: January 2026 & 2027
  - Location: Denver, CO

AGA Board Meetings (If Assigned)

- Summer AGA Board Meeting
  - Date: August 2025 & 2026
  - Location: TBD
- Spring AGA Board Meeting
  - Date: April 2026 & 2027
  - Location: TBD

Industry & Breed Events (If Assigned)

- AGA Convention
  - Date: December 2025 | TBD 2026
  - Location: Nashville, TN | TBD 2026
- NCBA Convention
  - Date: February 3-5, 2026 | TBD 2027
  - Location: Nashville, TN | TBD 2027