

## Get “CREDIT” For Your American Paint Horse

The PAC (Paint Alternative Competition) program awards credits to Paint Horses for achievements outside of APHA-approved events. PAC is designed to give youth the opportunity to count their **open show and 4-H accomplishments** on their Paint Horse’s records, and **achieve year end awards** for their efforts. This is a great way to get started in the show arena, and gain experience without adding too much cost. Members can get **automatic recognition at any 4-H event**, or use a PAC-approved event within the PAC show calendar for further credit. Your Paint Horse must be enrolled each year (\$25) and the owner must also be a member of the AjPHA or APHA. Once enrolled, the exhibitor forms can be filled out, signed by the show secretary and sent in for automatic credit. For more information on the PAC program go to <http://www.apha.com/pac/>.

The American Junior Paint Horse Association is the youth component of the American Paint Horse Association. Anyone aged 18 & under (as of January 1st) with an interest in Paint Horses is invited to join the “j”. AjPHA members enjoy the same membership benefits as adult APHA members, and can participate in APHA-approved shows and programs. In addition, the AjPHA offers activities that don’t require a horse, including a youth leadership conference, art contest, photography contest, short story contest, and horse judging contest. AjPHA offers something for everyone so come join us for some FUN, FRIENDS, and GREAT HORSES. For more information and for details on how to join AjPHA, visit <http://www.ajpha.com/>.

In addition, AjPHA also sponsors several State 4-H Horse shows a year giving prizes and awards to all 4-H youth participating in their state competition. For 2012 AjPHA will also be teaming up with local Paint Horse Clubs to add additional events during the shows as well as awards that will be specifically for Paint Horse exhibitors.