



LAHJA August Update for USHJA Affiliate News

Did you know that you can use your knowledge about horses and horsemanship to earn a college scholarship? The Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association (LAHJA) encourages members up to age 21 to participate in its \$5,000 LAHJA Horsemastership Scholarship Competition. Every year, LAHJA awards \$5,000 to the top three overall winners in the LAHJA Horsemastership Scholarship. **The deadline to register and complete the written portion is August 31, 2020.**

We have a two-level competition program:

Horsemastership Level 1 is for those who want to "try" the program. Participants will still compete in all three phases, but the materials will be less rigorous. The Written Phase is USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Level 1 and the Stable Management Phase will focus on basic to intermediate skills. Participants will compete for overall awards and prizes but will not be eligible for the scholarship funds.

Horsemastership Level 2 is for those wishing to compete for the \$5,000 scholarship. The Written Phase consists of USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Level 2 and the Stable Management Phase will test participants on comprehensive knowledge and skills.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, we have made some modifications to the Riding Phase, which normally consists of a video of the participant in competition during the current show season. New in 2020 we will offer three different options for the Riding Phase:

1. Submit a video from a horse show round from the 2019 show season. Videos that were submitted for the 2019 Horsemastership Competition may not be used again for 2020.
2. Submit a video from the 2020 show season.
3. Submit a video from a round performed at home (not a horse show round)

To use option 3, the specific requirements listed here must be followed:

- An adult, other than the trainer (or any staff of the trainer) or parent must certify that the rider completed the course properly.
- Show attire for riders and correct show tack and equipment for the horse.
- The course may not be ridden/practiced the day the video is taken.
- The course must consist of at least eight fences and the height must be listed when submitted.
- LAHJA encourages groups of riders at the same barn (or nearby) to create a "Horsemastership Riding Phase" day for multiple riders. All participating riders may submit videos using the same course.
- Current standards for the equitation division will apply.

Visit lahja.org to register for this year's LAHJA Horsemastership Scholarship Competition. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Robson at info@lahja.org.