

American Cat Fanciers Association - Junior ACFA Program the Friendly Association



Our Mission:

Junior ACFA provides learning and leadership experiences for youth to introduce them to the world of cats, as these youth are the future of the cat fancy. Junior ACFA develops and provides programs that foster children's ethical, social, and intellectual development. While nurturing children's capacity to think skillfully and critically, we also strive to deepen children's commitment to social values such as kindness, helpfulness, personal responsibility, and respect for others - qualities believed to be essential to leading humane and productive lives in society. Junior ACFA as a part of the American Cat Fanciers Association, is promoted as family entertainment and recreation, a place where families can gather in a safe environment yet learn and contribute to society. Junior ACFA members actively participate in the development of their organization and decision-making processes so they feel ownership of Junior ACFA. Junior ACFA will continue to develop in an ongoing process as new needs are addressed.

To realize our vision and mission we follow these guiding principles:

- ✔ Families that play together are families who communicate.
- ✔ The friendly atmosphere of ACFA lends to the feeling and experience of a nurturing, extended family.
- ✔ Youth exposed to positive role models are inspired to grow and develop to their full potential.
- ✔ Youth who have many interests grow into knowledgeable, well-adjusted adults.
- ✔ With a mutual relationship, Junior ACFA can provide a vehicle of learning and personal growth for youth in other national youth organizations, such as 4-H and Scouts, and introduce them to the wonderful world of cats and the cat fancy with all the benefits and joy that can bring.
- ✔ Youth that learn the pleasure and responsibility of caring for cats grow into happy, caring, responsible adults.
- ✔ The bond between cats and people, especially when learned at a young age, provides lifelong coping skills and promotes a healthy lifestyle.
- ✔ Youth that learn and develop leadership skills will become the confident leaders of tomorrow.
- ✔ Youth that have ownership in an organization become proud loyal members.
- ✔ Youth that understand the rational, and experience and practice the structure and rules of an organization, become knowledgeable members, capable of making good decisions for the organization's future.
- ✔ Youth that volunteer and provide needed services contribute to society and become good citizens.
- ✔ As not all Junior ACFA members can travel to shows, especially during the school year, other opportunities will be provided for members to keep in contact and for learning experiences.
- ✔ Good sportsmanship will be an important element of Junior ACFA and will be strongly encouraged.

We adopt ACFA's Goals for the Cats: Promotion of the best interests of purebred and non-purebred cats and of breeders, owners and exhibitors of cats; and promotion of education, knowledge and interest in all domesticated cats, purebred and non-purebred, for the general public.

Junior ACFA Membership Application

Name: _____ Male - _____ Birth date: _____ / _____ / _____ My Age: _____
Female _____

Street Address: _____ I belong to 4-H _____ Scouts _____ Campfire _____ other: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/ Postal Code: _____ Country _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Have you or your family shown cats at ACFA shows? _____ Yes _____ No

Parents please sign: I give permission for my child _____ to be a Junior ACFA member.

X Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail this form and \$5.00 membership fee to: **American Cat Fanciers Association, P.O. Box 1949, Nixa, MO 65714-1949**
(Make checks payable to ACFA - Do not mail cash.)
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