

JUNIOR ACFA PROGRAM

An Overview for ACFA Members



The Program

The Junior ACFA Program is designed for youth between 7 and 17 years old. (A youth under the age of 7 may be admitted at the discretion of the Chairperson.) The purpose of this program is to acknowledge, honor and educate the youth in our lives. Our youth are the future of ACFA, and by establishing a program that rewards them for learning about our feline friends, the Cat Fancy, exhibiting, breeding and caring for these beautiful animals, we are thus helping to ensure the future of this association to which we are all so dedicated.

The Junior ACFA Program focuses on feline exhibiting and education. ACFA members and other knowledgeable adults will offer age-appropriate classes on topics of interest to youth such as grooming, handling, behaviors, basic feline first aid, clerking and stewarding techniques.

The Competition and Awards

For competition, Junior ACFA members are divided into four age classes: 7-9; 10-12; 13-15; and 16-17. The competition class is determined by the youth's age on the last date of the show season.

All Junior ACFA Program members must have active ACFA Junior Memberships. The \$15.00 membership fee

must be paid before a Junior ACFA member can start accumulating points for awards.

The program hopes to receive sponsorships to be able to award each participant annually. Achievement Awards will be presented to the highest achieving youths in each age category at the regional and national level who participated in the recent show year.

Participants can attain points toward annual and regional awards through the activities such as:

- 🐾 Showing a cat owned or co-owned and personally exhibited by the Junior Member (The cat cannot be agented by someone else.)
- 🐾 Bathing or grooming a cat before a show
- 🐾 Participating in Junior ACFA educational programs
- 🐾 Serving in a Junior ACFA information booth at ACFA shows
- 🐾 Participating in Junior ACFA fundraising activities
- 🐾 Getting a friend to join ACFA as a Junior Member
- 🐾 Participating in ACFA club activities
- 🐾 Promoting ACFA

If you would like to give a class for Junior ACFA members, sponsor awards, or help with the program in another way, please contact Jan Rook by email at jadacats@prodigy.net or by telephone at (417) 860-7064.