



## MFHA Junior Pack Margaret Lindsley Warden Award Program

The Junior Pack Awards Program is a self-administered program designed to increase awareness of the Junior Pack Membership, promote education, and encourage Junior Pack Members to be active in their local hunts. Participants can choose to focus on hound activities or horse activities by completing badge criteria, which the Master's will sign off on as completed. To complete each entry, participants are asked to express how nature and conservation is key in their enjoyment of our sport in an essay. District Directors choose a winner for their district and submit to be considered for the national winner.

### Awards

- Annual Award Winners at District Level (Fifteen Districts)
  - Winner age group 13-18 - **\$400 Award**
  - Winner age group 12 and under - **\$200 Award**
  - Annual District Award Winners = \$9,000
- Annual Award Winner at National Level
  - Winner age group 13-18 - **\$1000 Award**
  - Winner age group 12 and under - **\$500 Award**
  - Annual National Award Winners = \$1,500
- Total Annual District and National Awards = \$10,500

District Directors of the MFHA will select Award Winners based on the JPAP guidelines and submit the winning member to the MFHA Headquarters. Completed applications must be turned in to District Directors for judging by April 1<sup>st</sup>. District winners will be due to the MFHA Headquarters by May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

A National Winner and District winners will be announced and recognized each year on Memorial Day weekend at the MFHA Headquarters in Virginia.

All Junior Pack members that complete a badge will receive a certificate from the MFHA and a pin to wear that recognizes that they have completed a Junior Pack achievement badge.

### HOW TO ENTER / QUALIFY

Applicant can earn a badge by completing 100 points of offered achievements. Participants will receive extra consideration for completing more than 100 points, but 100 points is required to complete the badge. Masters to sign off and date as there is no time limit on the badge. If applicant is unable to finish in one year, they can continue into the following year.

**Applicants must be current MFHA JUNIOR PACK MEMBERS to apply.** Junior Pack Members that have applied in the 12 and under divisions, can apply in the 13-18 division when they come of age. Each hunt can submit as many Junior Pack Member applicants as they want.

### Applicant can CHOOSE to complete ONE of the following:

- **HOUND OR PUPPY BADGE**
  - Hound Badge is for ages 13-18
  - Puppy Badge is for ages 12 and under as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **HORSE OR PONY BADGE**
  - Horse Badge is for ages 13-18
  - Pony Badge is for ages 12 and under as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Applicant MUST complete the following:

- **ESSAY – “How is nature and conservancy important to you when participating with horses and/or hounds?”**
  - Length of essay is not specified so individual can be age appropriate and they can express themselves as they want, words, illustrations, photos, etc.

**Applicant MUST be a current member of the MFHA JUNIOR PACK to enter – please include proof of membership – payment confirmation is the easiest.**

In summary - each entry must include three parts to qualify for awards.

- Either the HORSE/PONY Badge or HOUND/PUPPY Badge
- Essay
- Proof of MFHA Junior Pack membership – payment confirmation is easiest way.

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED IN TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**DISTRICT DIRECTORS MUST TURN IN THE WINNING ENTRY TO THE MFHA OFFICE BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO QUALIFY FOR DISTRICT AND NATIONAL AWARDS.**