

### HOW OLD MUST YOU BE TO JOIN?

You must be 5 years old or older to join the APA-ABA Youth Club. Special arrangements can be made for students with disabilities to help them work through the levels of achievement according to their special abilities.

### HOW DO I JOIN THE APA-ABA YOUTH CLUB?

You can join the program by sending your application and the annual membership dues of \$8.00 to the director/coordinator listed on the bottom of this page.

**Please include your name, mailing address and date of birth & email address.** You can also join online from the youth website or get a form at a local show where a state leader is in attendance.

### WHAT YOU RECEIVE WHEN YOU JOIN.

As a new member you will receive a membership card, a membership patch, an information worksheet on getting started in the ACE program and our quarterly newsletter.

### HOW CAN YOU BECOME A YOUTH LEADER OF THE YOUTH CLUB?

Contact the office of the national director or the youth leader in your area for more information. Applications also available on the youth program website.



#### WEB SITE:

Printable study sheets  
Meet Our Membership Achievers  
Youth Leader Listing, Newsroom,  
List of Shows Across the USA

A Virtual Store with books about poultry, children's story books, lab coats, t-shirts, patches, Flash Cards, and more. We're adding more to the site all the time!

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# Introducing the APA-ABA YOUTH POULTRY CLUB



## “Education in Poultry”

*Introduction* Level for ages 5-7:  
**PEE WEE Level**

Level 1: COOP TENDER

Level 2: FLOCK TENDER

Level 3: FLOCK MASTER

Level 4: POULTRY MASTER

Level 5: PRE-APPRENTICESHIP POULTRY JUDGE

Website:

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JOIN ONLINE

## APA-ABA YOUTH POULTRY CLUB Established 1995

The name of the APA-ABA Youth Poultry Club was derived from the willingness of the AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION and the AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION to sponsor this program to encourage further education of youth in poultry. Although we are not an actual part of these associations, we all work closely together to promote youth in the fancy. We are also closely associated with the Southern Ohio Poultry Association who graciously supports our youth in poultry. We give our thanks to all three associations.

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:

The primary objective is that the young person who complete this program will have acquired the knowledge, skills and experience to participate fully and effectively in the poultry fancy as an adult. He will be able to decide what types of fowl he or she wishes to raise, know how to select quality birds, how to house, feed and provide general care for his poultry, will understand breeding practices and raising poultry and will understand showroom procedures, understand the function of showing poultry, have good sportsmanship and will be willing to share his talents with others.



### THE PROGRAM PROMOTES:

Opportunities to practice showmanship, to cooperate with other's in the fancy and enjoy fellowship with other participants and to be involved with their home community and with the poultry fancy.

### THE CHALLENGE:

The APA-ABA Youth Club challenges youth to study, engage in constructive activities, to use his or her imagination and to develop individual talents and abilities.



### WHAT IS THE A.C.E. PROGRAM?

A=Activities, C=Competition, E=Education

Members keep a record book of their poultry activities at each age level to gain the top levels of raising and showing poultry with the knowledge and skills to become a poultry master and future poultry judge.

## A. C. E. Achievement LEVELS

**PEE WEE:** This is the introductory program for members that are ages 5—7. It is not, however, required to be completed before beginning work on the higher levels. The levels completed at their 8th birthday. These youngsters are encouraged to learn how to care for one bird, learn how to do showmanship, to exhibit his bird and how to keep a simple record book. The child should know at least five of the basic body parts of his show bird, the sex of his bird, and be aware what the bird eats and how much. This member will not be tested but will be interviewed by an adult member of the APA-ABA Youth Program.

**COOP TENDER:** This student will be able to demonstrate a *fundamental* understanding of the poultry animal(s) he is raising; handling, cooping in and out of the cage, external parts of his poultry, show preparation, recognize sexual differences, basic care, introduced to diseases & external parasites of poultry, participation in competitive activities and participate in poultry related activities, learn showroom etiquette & sportsmanship. This student must be age 8 to begin participation in this level.

**FLOCK TENDER:** This student will be able to demonstrate understanding the maintenance of a number of birds, basic principles of selecting, caring for, breeding, incubating, brooding chicks and raising poultry, identifying and caring for sick birds, assist with evaluation of poultry for exhibition or production purposes, study faults, defects and disqualifications of his chosen breeds, identification of breeds and varieties in his own breed class.

**FLOCK MASTER:** This student will be able to demonstrate the ability to independently select, breed, incubate, raise, house and care for a poultry flock (several birds). He will be able to explain how and why a particular method of health care, feeding, housing and rearing is used for all different types of poultry (chickens, waterfowl, turkeys, guineas, etc.) He will be able to describe care & treatments of the most common poultry diseases, be able to identify internal and external parasites and treatment. He will understand the function of a showroom, breed classes and the duties of the showroom staff: example: the clerk, show secretary, show superintendent, set up (class arrangement) and tear down, awards, etc. This student is expected to assist the showroom staff whenever possible either during the show or helping with set up and tear down.

**POULTRY MASTER:** This level of the program is for those young persons who have achieved all of the other levels and wishes to continue to advance in their poultry endeavors. Prior to his 18th birthday he may request from the National Director/Coordinator permission to embark in this part of program. The Director will then designate a mentor/sponsor/advisor for this young adult who will then work with the youth to develop a program involving 8 or more major projects which the young person must complete before his 21st birthday.

**PRE-APPRENTICESHIP JUDGES PROGRAM:** This part of the APA-ABA Youth Program is to encourage and help our youth members that have the future goal of becoming a certified, licensed poultry judge. This program is designed to help give our youth a head start studying the Standard's of the APA and the ABA by working with a licensed judge in each field. A young person must have completed all other level's, including the Poultry Master level and at least age 17 to become a part of this program. Please contact your youth leader or the Youth Club main office for more information about participating in this part of the program and the benefits from the APA & the ABA.