

Canadian Belgian *Youth* Program

The purpose of the Canadian Belgian Youth Program is to promote youth involvement in the showing and development of Belgian Draft Horses and to recognize their achievements each year.

There will be named a Champion Canadian Belgian Youth and a Reserve Champion Canadian Belgian Youth in both the Junior and Senior Divisions in three geographic areas: East, Central and West. There will also be awards provided to Honourable Mention Canadian Belgian Youth entries as determined by the CBHA Youth Committee. The program and the associated payouts will be reviewed annually. Committee Chair is CBHA Alberta & British Columbia Director **Bill Prins** of Fort Saskatchewan AB, contact bdprins@albertacom.com or 780-998-3140.

Geographic Areas

East: Maritime Provinces

Central: Ontario and Quebec

West: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Age Groups

Junior Division: ages 8 – 13 as of January 1 of the current year

Senior Division: ages 14 – 18 as of January 1 of the current year

Eligibility

In order to qualify for the Canadian Belgian Youth Program, the youth must show a **Belgian horse** and participate in at least one youth class at an open show for their respective geographic area. Eligible classes to participate in are showmanship, decorating, cart, team or judging. An eligibility card will be made available on the CBHA website and you will need to list the show, the class, the placing and the judge's name for each qualifying show and have all information to the CBHA office by **Nov. 11, 2011**. All placings attained in all classes must be included with your entry. A participant in the program may qualify in only one of the geographic areas.

At the conclusion of the show season, each youth nominee will be required to forward their completed eligibility card along with a picture of themselves (with their horse if possible) and a short written submission describing their involvement with Belgians (100 words or less).

Judging

The decision of awarding the Champion and Reserve Champion Canadian Belgian Youth awards will be decided by a three member panel for each geographic area. The panel must be made up of the CBHA President, at least one Director for the geographic area and one Director from another geographic area. The decision will be based upon:

- (1) The number of qualifying shows and classes attended by the nominee,
- (2) The placings achieved by the nominee in the listed classes, and
- (3) The details regarding their involvement with Belgians throughout the current show season as provided in their written submission.

Awards

The following awards will be provided in each geographic area for each age division:

Champion Canadian Belgian Youth Exhibitor: Jacket and \$100.00

Reserve Champion Canadian Belgian Youth Exhibitor: Jacket and \$50.00

Honourable Mention Canadian Belgian Youth Exhibitor: \$25.00

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