

National Pigeon Association Junior Merit Award

To earn the NPA Junior Merit Award, the following qualifications must be met by a fancier eighteen years of age or younger:

1. You must have been an active member of the NPA for the last three years. (Exceptions may be made for junior fancier who enter the bobby at an age where they are not able to complete the time requirement before turning eighteen. In such a case, exceptional achievements in other area may offset the time requirements.)
2. You must have a total of fifty entries in NPA affiliated shows. All birds must be bred and owned by the junior applicant.
3. You must have entered in an NPA Junior Competition and placed in the top five in at least one category and/or submit show or fly reports demonstrating a successful show/fly record in general competitions.
4. Prepare articles of at least two hundred words each, on at least two of the following subjects:
 - (A) Prepare an article on a pigeon disease. Include cause, symptoms, prevention and cure; give loft management practice that can help avoid the disease.
 - (B) Prepare an article on a pigeon parasite (i.e., lice, worms, pigeon flies, etc) Include life cycle of the parasite, symptoms of infestation, prevention and loft management practices that can help a fancier avoid the parasite.
 - (C) Interview an NPA Master Breeder and prepare an article on his accomplishments. Include his views and experience on such topics as breeding, showing, judging, and loft management.
 - (D) Visit the loft of a prominent breeder, Sketch the floor plan and report on nesting arrangements, perches, ventilation and feed, water and grit containers.
 - (E) Interview at least three prominent breeders raising different breeds of pigeons and report on various methods and procedures for show preparation and training.
 - (F) Prepare an article on two breeds of pigeons, one popular breed and one rare breed. For each one, include a description of the breed, country of origin, history of its development, present standard(s), clubs sponsoring the breed and any other items of interest concerning the particular breed.

These articles are to be prepared and submitted for publication in a club bulletin or other pigeon publication.

5. You must promote the pigeon hobby in at least three of the following ways.
 - (A) Give an oral presentation to public group or organization about one of your favorite breeds of pigeon. Include a description of the breed, country of origin, history of its development, present standard(s), clubs sponsoring the breed and any other items of interest concerning the breed.
 - (B) Recruit at least three new members for the NPA. They must be pigeon fancier that have not belonged to the NPA in the past five (5) years, and at least one must be another junior member.
 - (C) Enter or attend at least one NPA National Show and enter or attend at least two (2) NPA District or State Shows.
 - (D) Be present and help in the work of putting on a NPA Sanctioned show. This would include set up, maintenance of the show and tear down of the show.
 - (E) Show consistent support of a specific breed by promoting the breed in your area, membership activity in the breed's specialty club(s), and show entries for a period of at least three years.
 - (F) Show consistent support of your local NPA Affiliated all breeds club over a period of at least three years, through membership and attendance at club meeting, shows, and other functions.

Application should be submitted to the NPA Secretary for Review by the NPA Board of Directors. This award would be consider a Junior "Hall of Fame". All worthy candidates would be considered and no wards will be given should no worthy application be received. These applications must be in the hands of the NPA Secretary **PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1st, PRECEDING THE GRAND NATIONAL.**