

# American Cat Fanciers Association - Junior ACFA Program

## The Friendly Association



### Our Mission:

Junior ACFA provides learning and leadership experiences for youth to introduce them to the world of cats, as these youth are the future of the cat fancy. Junior ACFA develops and provides programs that foster children's ethical, social, and intellectual development. While nurturing children's capacity to think skillfully and critically, we also strive to deepen children's commitment to social values such as kindness, helpfulness, personal responsibility, and respect for others - qualities believed to be essential to leading humane and productive lives in society. Junior ACFA as a part of the American Cat Fanciers Association, is promoted as family entertainment and recreation, a place where families can gather in a safe environment yet learn and contribute to society. Junior ACFA members actively participate in the development of their organization and decision-making processes so they feel ownership of Junior ACFA. Junior ACFA will continue to develop in an ongoing process as new needs are addressed.

### To realize our vision and mission we follow these guiding principles:

- ✔ The friendly atmosphere of ACFA lends to the feeling and experience of a nurturing, extended family.
- ✔ Youth exposed to positive role models are inspired to grow and develop to their full potential.
- ✔ Youth who have many interests grow into knowledgeable, well-adjusted adults.
- ✔ Youth that learn the pleasure and responsibility of caring for cats grow into happy, caring, responsible adults.
- ✔ The bond between cats and people, especially when learned at a young age, provides lifelong coping skills and promotes a healthy lifestyle.
- ✔ Youth that learn and develop leadership skills will become the confident leaders of tomorrow.
- ✔ Youth that have ownership in an organization become proud loyal members. .
- ✔ Good sportsmanship will an important element of Junior ACFA and will be strongly encouraged.

**We adopt ACFA's Goals for the Cats:** Promotion of the best interests of purebred and non-purebred cats and of breeders, owners and exhibitors of cats; and promotion of education, knowledge and Interest in all domesticated cats, purebred and non-purebred, for the general public.

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### Junior ACFA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male - Female Birthdate: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ My Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ I belong to 4-H \_\_\_ Scouts \_\_\_ Campfire \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

ACFA Region where I live \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip or Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or your family shown cats at ACFA shows? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Parents please sign:** I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Junior ACFA member.

**X Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and \$15.00 membership fee to: **American Cat Fanciers Association, P.O. Box 1949, Nixa, MO 65714-1949** (Make checks payable to ACFA - Do not mail cash) For more information, contact ACFA at [ACFA@aol.com](mailto:ACFA@aol.com) - <http://www.acfacat.com> - Phone: (417) 725-1530 - Fax: (417) 725-1533

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