

AAPE Youth Awards

Simplified Instructions for the Jury

Only youth aged **18 and under** may receive AAPE Youth Awards.

BEST exhibits are ‘the overall best’ regardless of point or medal level.

I. Place awards

- A. 1st place – the best youth exhibit shown (If there is only one exhibit, it receives 1st place.)
- B. 2nd place – the second best youth exhibit shown
- C. 3rd place – the third best youth exhibit shown (If there are only three exhibits, all three places are to be awarded.)

II. AAPE Youth Grand Award

- A. The AAPE Youth Grand Award is intended for the best youth exhibit that has not received this award during the current show year (April – March). Refer to the list provided or to the website, aaape.org/youth.
- B. Qualifications
 - 1. Youth aged 18 or under
 - 2. Silver medal or higher
 - 3. A show that has only one youth exhibit with a silver or higher medal will give both the 1st place award and the AAPE Youth Grand to that exhibit.
- C. Clarifications
 - 1. If no exhibit meets the qualifications (see B.1 and B.2), the award may not be given.
 - 2. If one or more exhibits meet the qualifications, the award should be given.
 - 3. A qualified exhibit that did not receive a ribbon for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place should still receive the AAPE Youth Grand, if it is the best exhibit that has not yet received that award in the current year.
 - 4. If all qualified exhibits (see B.1 and B.2) have already received the AAPE Youth Grand in the current show year, the award should be given to the best overall exhibit.

For additional explanation, please refer to the pages that follow.

Changed Instructions -- Please Read Carefully!

AAPE Youth Awards for National Shows for exhibitors 18 and under

Instructions to the Jury

- I. New Awards: AAPE now offers three awards - First, Second, and Third place - for youth exhibits at national shows. Youth are defined as 18 and under on the show's opening day. These awards are to be given to the **best** three youth exhibits at the show. Although youth of different ages are judged differently according to age when deciding medal levels, AAPE Youth Awards should be given to the **overall best** exhibits, **regardless of age adjustments**. **If there are three or more youth exhibits, all three ribbons should be awarded (even if the medals are only bronze).**
- II. AAPE Youth Grand: The purpose of this award is to certify an exhibit for participation in the annual AAPE Youth Champion of Champions. Normally, once an exhibit has won an AAPE Youth Grand, it is not to be considered for that award again during the current year (April 1 – March 31). An updated list of current awardees is provided on the AAPE website (www.aape.org/youth). **However, if it is the only youth exhibit that meets the standards for the AAPE Youth Grand Award, the exhibit may receive the award more than once.**
- a. Standards (qualifications) for the AAPE Youth Grand Award
- i. Prepared by a youth, age 18 or younger
 - ii. A silver medal or better – **If the show has only one silver or better youth exhibit, it is expected that that exhibit will receive the AAPE Youth Grand Award.**
- b. Eligibility for the AAPE Youth Grand Award – An exhibit that has already received the AAPE Youth Grand Award during the current year (April 1 – March 31) is NOT “eligible.” Nor is the most recent winner of the AAPE Youth Champion of Champions. Please refer to the list provided and the AAPE website. (Note that the award is to an exhibit; a youth may win the award again if he/she shows another silver-medal exhibit.)
- c. Awarding of the AAPE Youth Grand Award
- i. The AAPE Youth Grand Award is to be given to the BEST* youth exhibit that is “eligible” and meets the standard; the prior assignment of the First, Second, and Third place awards will guide the jury in this decision. However, it might be that only the ‘fourth’ (or ‘fifth’) place exhibit is “eligible”; if this exhibit meets the standards, it should receive the AAPE Youth Grand Award. *(continued)*
 - ii. If there is no youth exhibit that meets the standards, the AAPE Youth Grand Award may not be given.
 - iii. If the only exhibits that meet the standards are ones that are not normally “eligible,” the best* of those exhibits (presumably the First place award) should be given the AAPE Youth Grand Award.

* Please note that, because of the differences in youth score sheets, “best” for a youth exhibit does not necessarily mean the highest medal or numerical score.