



Silver Young Equestrian Leaders Award

Getting Started - Please find enclosed your Silver Award logbook. The Silver Award requires you to complete 40 hours of volunteering with a British Equestrian Member Body over a **minimum period of 16 weeks** (there is no upper limit). **If you are a Pony Club Member, please ensure that your Branch DC or Centre Proprietor is aware that you are working toward your YELA Award.** It is essential that you comply with the volunteering hours and age restriction set out in the guidance notes.

We encourage you to make your volunteering as varied as possible, by doing this you will get the most out of the experience. This can be anything from supporting younger riders to helping at a fundraising event, the choice is up to you!

You must record all your volunteering hours in the logbook and get it signed by the event/activity organiser after each session. Please note it is your responsibility to keep your logbook up to date and to get it signed.

Assessment – In addition to your volunteering hours, you must complete the questions found in the back of the logbook. When this is completed, please return them to us for assessment by either email or post. Please allow two weeks for your submission to be processed.

Email: Attach a scanned copy of your completed logbook to yela@pcuk.org clearly showing your volunteering hours, what you did and your answers. Please use your Award level and name in the subject bar and include your Pony Club membership number in your submission email..

Post: Send your completed logbook and questions to with membership number to:
The Pony Club, Lowlands Equestrian Centre, Old Warwick Road, Warwick. CV35 7AX

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope you enjoy your volunteering experience and look forward to seeing your achievements.



Silver Level Guidance Notes

Entry Requirements

- Aged between 13 and 25
- Completion of the Bronze Award
- Volunteering opportunity arranged that is linked to a British Equestrian Member Body e.g. if you are part of a Pony Club it is advised to have a conversation with the Club Leader prior to volunteering to make suitable arrangements

Syllabus

- Complete 40 hours of volunteering with a British Equestrian Member Body
 - o Volunteering to be completed over a **minimum period of 16 weeks**
 - o Volunteering to be signed off by an appropriate supervisor
- Complete one of the following options:
 - a) Volunteer with a 2nd British Equestrian Member Body for a minimum of 5 hours
 - b) Volunteer at a National, Area or Regional event for a British Equestrian Member Body e.g. The Pony Club National Championships, RDA Regional Competition
 - c) Organise an event through the primary British Equestrian Member Body, evidencing the planning around the event, number of people involved, and any funds raised
 - d) Organise a one-hour volunteer training session for a minimum of 6 participants, evidencing the planning of the session and the content covered
- Complete Silver Award questions

Volunteering Hours and Age Restrictions

TERM TIME	13 – 14 Years Old	15 – 16 Years Old
Monday – Friday	2 hours	2 hours
Saturday	5 hours	8 hours
Sunday	2 hours	2 hours
Maximum Hours Per Week	12 hours	12 hours

HOLIDAY TIME	13 – 14 Years Old	15 – 16 Years Old
Monday – Friday	5 hours	8 hours
Saturday	5 hours	8 hours
Sunday	2 hours	2 hours
Maximum Hours Per Week	25 hours	35 hours

16 – 18 Years Old
If a young person is old enough to leave school, they can work 40 hours a week

Local Authorities work to protect children and young people, local bylaws may also restrict the kind of volunteering work children can do.