

Application for Organizational Membership



Please Print

Name of your club or organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Website: _____

Is the organization incorporated? Yes No 501c3 Not-for-Profit For Profit

What is the purpose of the organization ? (Choose all that apply)

Civic/Social Pony Club Breed Club 4H Driving Therapeutic

Sport (polo, dressage, jumping, endurance, etc) Other (please describe) _____

Current President/Director/Leader: _____ Title _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

What do you feel is the most important challenge facing your equestrian community today?

How can the NVCEO help your organization?

Name, address, phone and email of up to three initial delegates. (Delegates can change at any time)

Delegate #1 (Voting)	Delegate #2 (Voting)	Delegate #3 (Alternate)
Name: _____	_____	_____
Address: _____	_____	_____
City: _____	_____	_____
State/Zip: _____	_____	_____
Phone: _____	_____	_____
Email: _____	_____	_____

Organizational Membership Fee:

Northern Virginia based organizations (Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William Counties)

\$25 -or- \$1 times the number of members in your organizations, -or- \$100, whichever is greater = _____

+ any additional donation _____

Total Submitted: _____

Affiliate Organization Membership Fee:

(Organizations based in areas outside the counties listed above) \$25

+ any additional donation _____ = _____

Please make your checks payable to the NVCEO and mail your application to:

NVCEO, P.O. Box 1971, Centreville, VA 20122-1971

September 22, 2005



Dear Equestrian Organization Leader:

As I am sure you are aware, the equestrian community in our region is regularly distressed by never-ending challenges. Loss of open space, the ever expanding infrastructure of urban sprawl, legal challenges affecting the horse owner, misunderstanding of the benefit of membership in an equestrian organization, the underestimating of the economic importance and benefits of our equestrian community, the redirecting of public resources from equestrian use to non-equestrian use and so much more are threatening the equestrian community of Northern Virginia. Some of these challenges can be corrected, such as the understanding of the importance and benefits of the equestrian community. Some of these challenges can not be stopped, such as urban sprawl. We can, however, strive to co-exist with the region's urban elements and compete for additional resources to offset these challenges.

The goal of the Northern Virginia Coalition of Equestrian Organizations (NVCEO) is to strengthen the equestrian community of Northern Virginia. By uniting our efforts and resources the NVCEO will become a strong voice and vehicle of the Northern Virginia Equestrian Community to stand up for the needs and interests of the region's equestrians. We are asking you to unite with us and join us in our struggle to keep the horse in the horse community.

The NVCEO is not another membership group for individuals to belong to and drain your resources. Conversely, the NVCEO is an alliance of equestrian organizations, the purpose of which is to share our knowledge, our talents, our struggles, and our numbers to achieve our common goals. Please take a moment to review our Vision and Mission statements, consider adding your organization to our coalition and join us in our causes. If you feel the Vision and Mission of the NVCEO can represent your organization, please take a moment right now to complete the attached application to strengthen our equestrian community in Northern Virginia.

Sincerely,

NVCEO Founding Organizations:

Jeffery Shoup, President, Nokesville Horse Society, Inc.
Kim Sanders, President, Horseworks, Inc.
Mary Flowers, President, Clifton Horse Society, Inc.
Joan Ferguson, President, Battlefield Equestrian Society, Inc.
Diana Dutton, President, Trailblazers, Inc.
Donna T. Rodgers, President, Equestrian Trails Alliance
Linda Giannino, President, United States Trail Ride, Inc.
Marilyn Hildebeidel, President, Mason Neck Horse Coalition, Inc.
Beverly Dickenson, Co-Chair, Fairfax4Horses
Kevin O'Conner, Co-Chair, Fairfax4Horses
Corliss Colligan, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
Molly Hockman, Chairperson, Turner Farm Park Equestrian Committee



VISION

The Northern Virginia Coalition of Equestrian Organizations (NVCEO) provides a strong regional influence and collective voice in all matters affecting the region's Equestrian Community. NVCEO also works to educate citizens and elected officials to the benefits provided by the region's equestrian communities and organizations, as well as to provide a model for other Equestrian Coalitions throughout State of Virginia and nationwide. NVCEO is recognized by the equestrian community, the media, and elected officials as an active coalition of regional equestrian organizations and a leader in the development of strategies for the education of the general public in equestrian issues.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Northern Virginia Coalition of Equestrian Organizations (NVCEO) stimulates and encourages collaborative action and efficient use of resources by the Northern Virginia equestrian community in the education and influence of local and regional decision makers by:

1. Maintaining a representative organization of Northern Virginia equestrian organizations whose purpose is to advance equestrian interests in the region.
2. Coordinating resources to provide a unified voice in issues affecting the equestrian community.
3. Providing the general public with positive education regarding the benefits provided by the equestrian community.
4. Acting as an information resource for Northern Virginia equestrian organizations in issues affecting the equestrian community.
5. Establishing positive, partner-based relationships with local and regional public use facilities on behalf of the region's equestrian community.
6. Multiplying the effectiveness of the equestrian community by sharing resources and coordinating efforts.
7. NVCEO representation includes the Cities of Alexandria and Arlington, and Counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and Fauquier.

Requirements of an Organization's Delegates to the NVCEO

1. Agreement with the vision and mission of the NVCEO.
2. Ability to serve to help achieve the vision of the NVCEO.
3. The NVCEO holds an annual "Presidents & Leaders" meeting in January each year. The Board of Directors, made up of the Delegates from the Member Organizations, will meet in March, June, September and December. There may be a maximum of three delegates per organization, two of which are voting delegates. Delegates can change at any time with notification to the NVCEO. Delegate are also welcome to join Executive Committee conference calls/meetings during off months of February, April, May, July, August, October and November.