

FEIF Youth Camp Application 2025

The **FEIF Youth Camp 2025** will take place in **Hvanneyri, Iceland** at the **Agricultural University of Iceland July 9-14 2025**. The goal of the FEIF Youth Camp is to bring together young people from different countries. All should share a passion for the Icelandic horse, and the participants will also learn something of the horse culture(s) of the host nation. In order to take part in the FEIF Youth Camp, riders do not have to own (or bring) a horse, but they should be interested in Icelandics, and have some riding experience. Throughout the week a range of activities – with and without horses – is offered, aimed at improving all sorts of horsemanship skills and fostering international friendship.

The program has a strong focus on a wide aspects of horse care and will include horse riding, hiking, Icelandic sagas, various horse-related workshops, swimming and tours of beautiful places. Participants will learn a lot about specific aspects of keeping horses, even if riding opportunities are limited. The common language spoken during the camp is English. For most participants this offers an amazing opportunity to improve their language skills. And not least, mixing freely in an international group of people with a common passion promotes a deep social, cultural understanding of how other people do things differently.

This application is due by **April 6th**. Applicants will be notified by April 10th. Because there are only two spots given to the USIHC by FEIF, accepted applications will be entered into a lottery. There will also be a waitlist created in case FEIF grants us more spots at a later date which is likely.

The application consists of the primary application, the questionnaire and two recommendation letters. One recommendation letter from a trainer or instructor that is working with you currently or has worked with you recently fills out and sends an evaluation of your equestrian and personal qualities directly to our applications personnel. The second is from a teacher or group leader that has worked with you in a group setting and can speak to your personality and ability to work with others will evaluate your personal qualities as fit for this event. These two letters must be sent directly. Please see recommendation letter document for letter prompts.

Applications and recommendation letters must be sent to **youth@icelandics.org**.

Application Checklist

Please remember all parts of the application must be received by **April 6th.**

	Done	Sent	Receipt Confirmed
Primary Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riding Instructor Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FEIF Youth Camp Primary Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full name: _____ Date: _____

Birthdate: _____

(Please note that only applicants born between 2008 and 2011 are eligible for acceptance)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

PARENTAL INFORMATION:

Parent's names and cell phone numbers:

Parental email address:

Applicants and selected participants **must be members in good standing of the USIHC**

Please confirm your USIHC membership status by initialing below.

Yes, I am a member in good standing of the USIHC now and pledge to renew my membership if needed before sending this application so that **my membership will be current at the time of application through July 14th** Initials: _____

My USIHC membership renewal date is _____.

Signature of applicant: _____

Parental signature: _____

Please scan and email application form to **youth@icelandics.org** . Make sure you receive confirmation that your email has been received.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 6th. Applicants will receive notification of acceptance by April 10th.

Applicant Questionnaire

The following questions are supposed to help us evaluate your experience, dedication to the Icelandic Horse, suitability to attend this event on behalf of the USIHC and make sure you will have a pleasant experience at the event. Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge and limit your answers to 250 words maximum for each question. Use the comments section if you feel you need to add any additional information that is not captured in these questions. Please send this completed document to **youth@icelandics.org** by April 6th.

1. What is special to you about the Icelandic Horse? How would participating in this event deepen your connection to the Icelandic Horse Community?

2. What are two things you hope to take away or learn from the experience?

3. What is one challenge that you anticipate facing if you are selected to participate in the event? How might you respond to that challenge if it occurs?

4. In what types of extracurricular activities do you participate? In those activities, in what ways do you interact with other youth your age?

Additional Comments:

2025 FEIF Youth Camp Riding Instructor Recommendation

Applicants: Please email this form to the Riding Instructor you have chosen to provide a reference for you. We highly recommend sending this application as soon as possible so that your instructor has ample time to complete the form before April 6th.

Instructors: This document is to be emailed directly to youth@icelandics.org. It is NOT to be viewed by or shared with your student.

Basic information:	
Student's full name:	
Instructor's full name:	
Instructors Information:	
Business:	
Qualification/s:	
Address:	
Phone number:	

Please provide us with a brief letter of reference for your student. You can speak to their dedication, their attitude, their character, their reactions when working with new people and horses, their horsemanship skills and anything else you believe is relevant to accepting this applicant to this event. If you share any concerns that might indicate that this applicant is not a good fit for this opportunity, please note that your letter will remain completely confidential and your comments will not be told to the applicant or anyone outside of the event committee.

Please limit your reference letter to 500 words at maximum.

2025 FEIF Youth Camp Character Reference

Applicants: This form should be filled out by someone who is familiar with how the applicant interacts with peers and adults in a group setting outside of the barn or other equine involved event. Examples of this could be a teacher, a youth group leader, coach of another sport or activity, a pastor etc. We highly recommend sending this application as soon as possible so that your instructor has ample time to complete the form before April 6th.

Recommenders: This document is to be emailed directly to youth@icelandics.org. It is NOT to be viewed by or shared with your student.

Basic information:	
Student's full name:	
Instructor's full name:	
Instructors Information:	
Business:	
Qualification/s:	
Address:	
Phone number:	

Please provide us with a brief letter of reference for this applicant. Please know that this event involves sharing a communal space, working as a team with peers in the age range of 10-17 and ends with a competitive event. You can speak to their sportsmanship, their attitude, their character, their reactions when working with new people, their ability to follow direction and anything else you believe is relevant to accepting this applicant to this event. If you share any concerns that might indicate that this applicant is not a good fit for this opportunity, please note that your letter will remain completely confidential and your comments will not be told to the applicant or anyone outside of the event committee.

Please limit your reference letter to 500 words at maximum.