



## AFA Benefits

- Internationally recognized certification
- 49 AFA chapters
- Annual convention since 1971
- Cultural Exchange
- American Farriers Team
- Jim Linzy Memorial Fund
- AFA Communications network:
  - Bi-monthly newsletter
  - Bi-weekly national e-blasts
  - Monthly regional e-blasts
  - Daily AFA Facebook page updates
  - Frequently updated AFA website
  - Find-a-Farrier database
- Farrier discounts on insurance, including liability
- \$50,000 death and disability insurance policy
- NTRA Advantage discounts program
- Deep discounts on hotel reservations

And the AFA's greatest benefit: the opportunity to meet and learn from members all over the world who generously share their experience and knowledge.

**My first convention was in Rochester, NY. I was blown away at the level of professionalism, education, and camaraderie this organization brought to the industry at that time and continues to do so today.**

— DAVE JOHNSON, CF



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# About the AFA

Community with a Difference



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The farrier world is like none other, and the friendships you forge will last a lifetime.

# Community — Camaraderie



## Benefits of Certification and Continuing Education

- Motivate yourself and set goals.
- Better yourself for the betterment of the horse.
- Open your mind. Practice analytical thinking and inquiry.
- Expand your knowledge and understanding of equine anatomy and biomechanics.
- Improve your practical application of shoes.
- Gain a network of supportive professionals. Whether you're just entering farriery or you're a seasoned professional, a good network is invaluable.
- Build and maintain a network of colleagues. This is one simple way to ensure a continued level of guidance throughout your career. It never hurts to have people to share tough cases with.
- Increase your skills. From trimming and fitting, to therapeutic shoeing, become more proficient and gain confidence in your work.
- Share your knowledge. Educating others gives you the chance to give back

## Annual Convention

The AFA Annual Convention is an inspiring event! Network with farriers from around the world: you will have the time to visit with, learn from, and watch top-notch farriers.

- Attend world-class lectures and demonstrations.
- Enjoy the FIA/AFA MarketPlace. Check out new products, talk with the vendors, and shop.
- Take advantage of many great hands-on opportunities, from working at the anvil, to working with the newest modern materials. Do what you do every day, with some of the world's best farriers at your side.
- Before your test, come to the Pre-Certification Written Exam Lecture.
- Take the written portion of any level of the AFA Certification examination.
- AFA Examiners will demonstrate the practical portion of both the CF and CJF exams. Watch the American Farriers Team in action, shoeing a horse.
- Attend meetings. Meet with your Directors, Officers, Examiners, and other farriers at the Annual Board Meeting, Regional Meetings, General Membership Meeting, and AFA Approved Tester Meeting.

## More AFA Programs

**Cultural Exchange Program** — The AFA supports Cultural Exchange programs with the United Kingdom. These exchanges offer farriers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a unique cultural immersion. Live and work with the top farriers in the UK, broaden your knowledge, and improve your skills. We offer CJFs a two week, itinerary-assisted, self-funded short exchange, or our three month exchange with flight expenses paid and full itinerary assistance.

**Jim Linzy Memorial Fund** — The money raised for this fund serves both farrier education, and health and welfare. The fund sponsors the annual Jim Linzy Lecture at the convention and awards \$500 for the purchase of tools to recent graduates of horseshoeing schools who have been nominated through the Bruce Daniels Memorial Scholarship. It helps fund benefit clinics for injured and ill AFA member farriers, and donates annually to support the work of the World Farrier's Association.

**American Farriers Team** — Top competitors at the annual contest represent America in international competition and give back with team member clinics.

**Equine Research Fund** — The AFA supports the Morris Animal Foundation. In 2016 the Research Fund made a donation of \$10,000 in support of an exciting three year research project on new equine stem cell therapies.

After I joined the Association, I realized it became far more than a group to spend time with; it became my family. Like any other family, we had our differences. Throughout all of this time, one thing has remained the same: those enduring farriers have always been there to help me and ensure that I had the help, camaraderie, and ability to voice my opinion. — KEN LYON, CJF