

Question of the Week: Farrier School

How can I find an apprenticeship or trade school for farriers?

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Q: My son is interested in becoming a farrier. How can he find a school or apprenticeship program where he can learn the trade?

A: The American Farriers' Association, which offers its own certification program, is the best place to start. Members of the AFA can search for certified farriers in their area, providing a great way to network. In addition to its trade magazine, Professional Farrier, the AFA publishes a newsletter and certification guide. The organization also holds an annual convention, offering lectures, demonstrations, clinics and more.

The Farrier & Hoofcare Resource Center has lists of schools and other educational resources, and it's likely that your state has its own farrier association that can offer guidance as well.

Additional Resources:

American Farriers Journal (www.americanfarriers.com)

Anvil Magazine--offers a guide to farrier organizations and schools (www.anvilmag.com)

Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association (www.bwfa.net)

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