

WSRHA Scholarship Program

Purpose and Guidelines:

To engage youth members and encourage them to become more active at both the local association level and national level. This program will offer youth members opportunities to contribute to the WSRHA Youth Association in addition to developing valuable life skills that will help them to be successful contributing member of society. The program will run from January 1 to through the year-end WSRHA managed horse show of each year. All youth are eligible to participate, but must be members of WSRHA. Separate awards will be given for the 13 and Under Youth age group and the 14-18 Youth age group.

In addition to the youth members interacting with one another and participating in the program, we want to provide life skills that will help them grow and mature. Stressing the importance of community service, being an active member in a group and learning to work with others, public speaking, communication skills and creativity are all important skills that can be further developed by participating in this program.

Youth members are awarded points, separate from their show points, which can be obtained by doing any combination of projects listed. **Members must complete at least 5 projects from the Category-1 list and 5 projects from the Category-2 list. In addition, members must also accumulate a total of 300 points to be eligible for the year end participation award. Also, participants must complete work/volunteer activities at a minimum of 2 of the WSRHA managed Horse Shows.** The Category 3 list is optional but is an easy way to earn points! The Category 1 activities focus on skills that aid in developing teamwork and volunteering, Category 2 activities allow the members to be more creative and artistic, and Category 3 activity focuses on good school work.

Within each of the two categories there are five activities. Each activity list specific guidelines, examples and the specific amount of points awarded for completing that activity. All items must be submitted within 30 days of completion, credit will not be given for items submitted after 30 days. Completed forms may be e-mailed to K.C. Belcher (kcbelcher@sopris.net) or faxed to 970/963-9870. The youth are responsible for submitting a completed form to receive points for their efforts. The forms are unique to each activity and contain information the member must provide in order to be given credit for their work. Forms can be printed off the WSRHA

website and copies can be made and kept on hand by the individual youth. Also, packets can be requested by e-mail from K.C. Belcher (kcbelcher@sopris.net). Completed forms will be reviewed by a 3 adult member, volunteer panel and awarded points. Points will be kept by spreadsheet and posted at various times throughout the year, at horse shows, in the newsletter and on the WSRHA website.

Parents play a key role in the success of this program. Parents are made aware of the program and how it operates. The benefits and rewards should be enough to motivate the youth to participate. Activities are submitted based on the honor system, and we ask the parents to be accountable for the youth's actions and activities. At the bottom of each form the parents are required to sign and verify the activities.

Funding for the scholarship program will be by the WSRHA Board. The WSRHA Board will donate \$1,000.00 for 1st place and \$500.00 for 2nd place. Youth fundraising will provide for the 13 and Under Youth Division prizes. Each year the amounts will be reviewed and adjusted based on funds available in the youth organization and the WSRHA.

The awards will be awarded to high point youth in each age division at the WSRHA year end banquet. The following is a breakdown of awards to be given in 2010:

14-18 Youth Division:

1st Place – Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be awarded to the youth when they are enrolled in an accredited post secondary educational institution of their choice, which will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and approved by the WSRHA Board. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university once the youth as started their enrollment.

2nd Place - Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to be awarded to the youth when they are enrolled in an accredited post secondary educational institution of their choice, which will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and approved by the WSRHA Board. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university once the youth as started their enrollment.

13 and Under Youth Division:

1st Place – Will receive a special award in honor of their hard work and achievements.

2nd Place – Will receive a special award in honor of their hard work and achievements.

All projects submitted will be on display throughout the year at horse shows.

Activities

Category 1 – Be Helpful

(Must Complete 5 Projects from Category

1)

Activity 1 – Fundraising

Points = 5 Points/Donation

Points = 25 Points/Activity or Per Hour

Youth can approach persons and businesses as sponsors for the WSRHA Association or NRHyA Association. Youth can plan fun activities to raise money at horse shows or events.

Activity 2 – Report Back

Points = 25 Points

Report back to the WSRHA by writing a news style article about what is happening in our affiliate regarding youth members or activities. Youth can also write an article about the association or NRHA or a member in the association. Article can be published in the newsletter and posted on the website.

Activity 3 – Getting Involved

Points = Leader will receive 25 Points / Participants will receive 10

Points

Get involved at any level. Host a youth meeting or activity at a reining event. Get together with fellow youth members and discuss activities you could plan at your next show. Tie in activity with fundraising.

Activity 4 – Community Service

Points = 20 Points/Hr.

This category is not limited to horse/reining activities and may be done in conjunction with other groups you are a part of.

Activity 5 – Pitching In (Must participate at least 2 of WSRHA managed shows)

Points = 20 Points/Hr. or Activity

Assist at the horse shows. Assist with Board functions or planning committees. This includes your affiliate, regional and national shows.

Activity 6 – Spreading the Word

Points = 15 Points/+ 1 point per person educated

Educate a group of non-reiners about our sport. Educate non-horse people about horses or horse related topic.

Category 2 – Be Creative

(Must Complete 5 Projects from Category

2)

Activity 7 – Get Creative - Artwork

Points = 15 Points

Submit your artwork. The items have to be created by you, but can be of anything that is related to livestock, agriculture, horses or reining.

Activity 8 – Tell a Story

Points = 15 Points

Submit a story to be posted at horse shows or in the newsletter. The story can be fictional or non-fictional, should be about horses.

Activity 9 – The Verdict Is In

Points = 15 Points

Find a controversial topic in the horse industry, poll individuals and create a report as to what your findings are.

Activity 10 – Check It Out

Points = 20 Points

Go to a WSRHA Board Meeting and receive points for providing feedback.

Category 3 – School

(Optional)

Points = A = 20 Points

B = 15 Points

C = 10 Points

Earn points for good grades in school. Submit copies of semester report cards.

All Activity Forms can be submitted to K.C. Belcher:

- Mail –
 - K.C. Belcher
 - 0287 Ute Trail
 - Carbondale, CO 81623
- Fax –
 - 970/963-9870
- E-Mail –
 - kcbelcher@sopris.net

Activities

Activity 1 – Fundraising

Points = 5 Points/Donation

Points = 25 Points/Activity or Per Hour

Description for Donations:

1. Always be polite when asking someone if they'd like to donate.
2. Have the patron give you their name and contact information so you are able to send them a thank you note.
3. Submit money to your youth organization leader.

Description for Activity:

Plan a fun activity at a horse show. Get donations for work done at a horse show.

Examples: Scavenger Hunts; Trailer/Truck Wash; Horse Wash; Fun Show Classes

Submit Your Activity:

1. When did you do this fundraiser/where?

2. **What was your fundraiser?**

3. **Number of Tickets Sold/Time worked on Fundraiser?**

Parent Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Activity 2 – Report Back

Points = 25 Points

Description:

Report back to the WSRHA by writing a news style article about what is happening in our association or youth group.

Examples:

- ❖ **Interview a youth that is doing well or has an interesting story**
- ❖ **Report about the youth activities in your area**

Submit your Activity:

1. **What triggered you to write about this topic?**

2. **What is the most interesting thing you learned from writing this piece?**

3. What research did you have to do?

Parent Approval: _____ Date: _____

Activity 3 – Getting Involved

Points = Leader will receive 25 Points
Participants will receive 10 Points

Description:

1. Plan your activities and meetings in advance.
2. Advertise what you will be doing in the WSRHA newsletter or by e-mail and have it announced at the show. This will allow the youth to plan on attending.
3. Ask for assistance from adults.
4. Have an agenda for your meeting that can be passed out to everyone. The agenda should contain a brief description of each item you plan on discussing.

Submit Your Activity:

1. Who were the leaders of the meeting? What was your position, officer or participant?

2. **How many youth attended the meeting/activity?**

3. **What items were discussed at the meeting? What activities did you do?**

Parent Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Activity 4 – Community Service

Points = 20 Points/Hr.

Description:

Not limited to horse/reining activities.

Examples: Cleaning up the park; Helping with local food or clothes drives; Volunteering at a nursing home; Helping children; Volunteering at animal shelter

Submit Your Activity:

1. What did you do to make your community a better place?

2. Why is it important to give back to your community?

3. How much time did you devote to this task?

4. Were you working with a group or an organization (4-H, FFA, School?)

Parent Approval: _____

Date: _____

Activity 5 – Pitching In

Points = 20 Points/Hr. or Activity

Description:

Assist at the horse shows. This includes affiliate, regional and national shows.
Assist with Organization functions or on planning committees.

Examples:

- ❖ Show office
- ❖ Running the gate
- ❖ Helping with special events
- ❖ Help with planning

Submit Your Activity:

1. What did you do to help out?
2. What did you learn from this experience?
3. How much time did you spend helping?

Parent Approval:_____ **Date:**_____

Activity 6 – Spreading the Word

Points = 15 Points + 1 Point per participant

Description:

1. Be prepared. Can be about the sport of reining or a horse related topic.
2. Do your homework. There is a lot of information available about the sport at nrha.com or nrhya.com or a horse related topic.
3. Use visuals to make your presentation more interesting. Have material to give your audience
4. Be sure to allow time for questions.
5. Encourage your audience to visit nrha.com and nrhya.com and also to attend a Reining show.

Examples:

- ❖ 4-H or FFA group

- ❖ School presentation
- ❖ Public Library presentation

Submit Your Activity:

1. What group did you educate about Reining or a horse related topic?
2. How many people were in the group?
3. What did they think about your topic?

Parent Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Activity 7 – Get Creative - Artwork/Photography/Arts & Crafts

Points = 15 Points

Description:

1. **Photography – Be creative with angles, lighting and framing.**
2. **Artwork – Paint, sculpt, build or design.**
3. **Any artwork related to horses, horse sports, agricultural or livestock.**

Examples:

- ❖ Show activities
- ❖ Western Décor
- ❖ Livestock or Horses
- ❖ Let your imagination soar!

Submit Your Activity:

1. Describe what is happening in the picture or artwork.
2. What do you believe makes this picture/artwork so special?

Parent Approval: _____

Date: _____

Activity 8 – Tell a Story

Points = 15 Points

Description:

The best way to develop a story is to write everything down you are thinking. Create characters, be descriptive. You are painting a picture with your words.

Examples:

- ❖ Your worst/best show
- ❖ Your first horse
- ❖ Why you ride reiners
- ❖ Descriptive fictional story about horses

Submit Your Activity:

1. What event, or who inspired you to write this story?
2. Are your characters based on real people? If so, who?

Parent Approval: _____

Date: _____

Activity 9 – The Verdict Is In

Points = 15 Points

Description:

1. Find a controversial topic in the horse industry.
2. Do research on your topic prior to polling people.
3. Form your question in a way that can only be answered
 - o **Yes – No, For – Against**
4. Be polite when asking individuals for their thoughts.
5. Respect that not every one will agree with your opinion.
6. If they don't want to participate, just politely thank them for their time.

Example: Horse slaughter; drug testing; cost of hay; fuel prices; NRHA Futurity/Derby nomination fees; etc.

Submit Your Activity:

1. What prompted you to use this topic?
2. Was the outcome what you had anticipated?
3. Did your opinion change or stay the same after hearing what others had to say on the issue?

Parent Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Activity 10 – Check It Out

Points = 20 Points

Description:

Go to a WSRHA Board meeting and provide youth feedback.

Submit Your Activity:

1. What meeting did you attend?

2. What were the major topics being discussed?

3. Did you offer a youth's perspective on the topics?

Parent Approval: _____

Date: _____

Category 3 – School

Description:

Earn points for good grades in school. Submit copies of report cards at the end of each semester of school.

Points:

A = 20 Points

B = 15 Points

C = 10 Points