

WSRHyA Scholarship Activity Book



WSRHya 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.

To be eligible for the year end participation award Members must complete:

- 5 projects from the Category-1 list
- 5 projects from the Category-2 list
- accumulate a total of 300 points
- volunteer at a minimum of 2 of the WSRHA managed Horse Shows.

Category 1: Rewards teamwork and volunteering

Category 2: Expresses creative and artistic ability

Category 3: Rewards good school work.

The youth are responsible for submitting a completed Activity Notebook to receive points for their efforts. An Activity Notebook can be printed off the WSRHA website and copies can be made and kept on hand by the individual youth. Also, Activity Notebooks can be downloaded from the NRHA website on the 'Youth' Tab.

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. 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 14-18 age group scholarship program will be funded by the Gracious sponsors. Youth fundraising events 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:

14-18 Youth Division:

1st Place – Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 (or other amount as determined by the WSRHA Board) 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 00 (or other amount as determined by the WSRHA Board) 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 – Scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 (or amount determined by the

youth group) 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 \$150.00 (or amount determined by the youth group) 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.

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

2015 WSRHyA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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WSRHyA Sponsorship Opportunities:

We are looking for \$2500 Sponsorship for the 2015 Youth Scholarship Program

Your Banner at all three WSRHA Horse Shows April, July and October.

Your name as Youth Sponsor on all marketing material: E-Blasts, Website and Flyers.

Your Name on sponsorship plaque as 2016 Youth Sponsor

The Western Slope Reining Horse Association
is grateful for your sponsorship
Thank you for making it all happen!

Category 1 – be Helpful

To be eligible for the year end participation award

Members must complete 5 projects from the Category-1 list.

CATEGORY 1

- Fundraising
- Report Back
- Getting Involved
- Community Service
- Pitching In
- Spreading The Word

Activity 1 – Fundraising

Points = 5 Points/Donation

Points = 25 Points/Activity or per hour

Description for Donations:

Always be polite when asking someone if they'd like to donate.

Have the patron give you their name and contact information so you are able to send them a thank you note.

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

Egg and Spoon Class or other Fun Show Classes

Submit Your Activity

1. Where did you solicit donations or what type of Fundraiser did you have?

2. How much was donated/raised?

3. What responses did you receive from individuals donating?

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. Article can be published in a news letter or posted on the website.

Examples:

Interview a youth that 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:

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 a fundraiser.

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.

Ask for assistance from adults.

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:

Who were the leaders of the meeting?

How many youth attended the meeting/activity?

What items were discussed at the meeting?

What activities did you do?

Parent Approval: _____ Date: _____

Activity 4 – Community Service

Points = 20 Points

Description:

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

Examples:

Cleaning up the park

Helping at the local food shelf

Volunteering at a nursing home

Submit Your Activity:

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

Why is it important to give back to your community?

How much time did you devote to this task?

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

* must participate at least 2 of WSRHA managed shows.

Description:

Assist at the horse shows. This includes affiliate, regional and national shows.

Examples:

Show office

Running the gate

Helping with special events

Submit Your Activity:

What did you do to help make the show run smoothly?

What did you learn from this experience?

How much time did you spend helping?

Parent Approval: _____ Date: _____

Activity 6 – Spreading the Word

Points = 15 Points/+ 1 point for each individual educated

Description:

Educate a group of non-reiner's about our sport. Educate non-horse people about horses or horse related topics.

Be prepared.

Do your homework. There is a lot of information available about the sport at nrha.com or nrhya.com

Use visuals to make your presentation to others more interesting

Have material to give your audience. Contact Heather Cline at 405-946-7400 or youth@nrha.com to have hand outs mailed to you. Be sure to request this material far enough in advance.

Consider showing a DVD or tape of some runs.

Think about using power point or other programs to help make your presentation more exciting.

Be sure to allow time for questions

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:

What group did you educate about Reining?

How many people were in the group?

What did they think about Reining?

Parent Approval: _____ Date: _____

CATEGORY – 2 Be Creative

Must complete 5 projects from category 2

CATEGORY 2

- Get Creative/Artwork
- Tell a Story
- The Verdict Is In
- Check It out

Activity 7 – A Picture Says a Thousand Words/Artwork

Points = 15 Points

Description:

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

Limit to 10 submissions per month (10 photos, 10 drawings, 10 paintings etc).

Get a little closer, do not be shy. One of the biggest mistakes most beginning photographers do is shooting a subject so far away. Get up close and personal. Fill up as much of the camera frame, with the subject, as you can. You can always reshape, trim, and resize a good quality shot.

Focus your shot on only one subject. Determine what the main subject of the photo will be, and catch that image. Try and find the one key subject, person, or event that accurately portrays the feeling you are trying to capture.

In addition to getting one subject, in your photos, you will want to make the background of the photo as simple as possible. Busy, distracting backgrounds pull the attention away from the central theme of your photo. The subject of your photo is absolutely the most important element, and anything that detracts from the subject can ruin your shot.

Provide a caption, date of picture, information regarding technique and equipment used.

If providing an art project, describe what the project is, the type of art (painting, drawing, clay, etc.), inspiration.

Examples:

Show activities

Western Décor

Livestock or Horses

ACTIVITY 7 cont.

Submit Your Activity:

1. Describe what is happening in the picture or artwork.

2. What do you believe makes this picture/artwork so special?

3. Submit a picture of your art work

Parent Approval: _____ Date: _____

Activity 8 – Tell a Story

Points = 15 Points (limited to 5 submissions/month)

Description:

Submit a story to be posted at horse shows or in the news letter. The story can be fictional or non-fiction and should be about horses.

1. Get Started by writing down a list of ideas, locations and characters
2. Write a Catchy first Paragraph
3. Create your Characters: Name, Age and a description of them
4. Choose a point of view:
 - **First Person.** The story is told from the view of "I." The narrator is either the protagonist (main character) and directly affected by unfolding events, or the narrator is a secondary character telling the story revolving around the protagonist. This is a good choice for beginning writers because it is the easiest to write.
 - **Second Person.** The story is told directly to "you", with the reader as a participant in the action.
 - **Third Person.** The story tells what "he", "she," or "it" does. The third-person narrator's perspective can be limited (telling the story from one character's viewpoint) or omniscient (where the narrator knows everything about all of the characters).
5. Choose a setting, where is the story taking place
6. Set the plot and write the story
 - **Explosion or "Hook."** A thrilling, gripping, stirring event or problem that grabs the reader's attention right away.
 - **Conflict.** A character versus the internal self or an external something or someone.
 - **Complication.** One or more problems that keep a character from their intended goal.
 - **Transition.** Image, symbol, dialogue that joins paragraphs and scenes together.
 - **Flashback.** Remembering something that happened before the short story takes place.
 - **Climax.** When the rising action of the story reaches the peak.
 - **Falling Action.** Releasing the action of the story after the climax.
 - **Resolution.** When the internal or external conflict is resolve.

ACTIVITY 8 cont.

Examples:

Your worst/best show

Your first horse

Why you ride reiners

Submit Your Activity:

Submit your story

Parent Approval: _____

Date: _____

ACTIVITY 9 – The Verdict Is In

15 points (limited to 5 submissions/month)

Description:

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

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

Examples: 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

Points:

- A 20 points
- B 15 points
- C 10 points

Description

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

This booklet is being submitted by _____
On _____(Date).

Congratulations! You have now completed your Activity Report. Reports are due no later than _____.

Please make a copy for your own records in case things get lost. Take your original copy and submit it to your youth organizer:

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