

National Youth Cutting Horse Association

NYCHA Youth Convention Contest Information

These contests are open to all NYCHA members; you do not have to attend the Summer Cutting Spectacular or the Youth Convention to participate in the contests, with the exception of Public Speaking. Prizes will be awarded including one scholarship for the best in each division. You can even earn LEAP points by submitting an entry!

Scholarships sponsored by; NCHA Foundation.

An opportunity for you to develop and sharpen your skills and talents outside of the show pen. We hope you will contribute your talents and skills through these contests as part of our mission to promote the great legacy of the cutting horse.

Age categories:

Must be a youth member in good standings.

Senior (14-18)

Junior (13 and under)

NYCHA Essay Contest

\$500 Junior and Senior Scholarship

Topic: THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY

The legacy of the horse is about the horses of today that are carrying the lineage of our past cutting horses. Select one horse from the past and explain the impact that horse made on the cutting horse industry today.

Guidelines

Essays should be 1000 words or less. 12 pt. text, double spaced.

Essays will be judged on spelling, punctuation, grammar, and content.

Essays must be typed or will be automatically disqualified.

Each essay must have a cover sheet stating the contestant's name, address, phone number and member number; the title of the essay; and the age division in which the entrant will be competing.

NYCHA Photo Contest

\$500 Junior and Senior Scholarship

Topic: THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY

The legacy of the horse is about the horses of today that are carrying the lineage of our past cutting horses that contributed to the cutting industry. The photo can be of your horse or a horse that you use. A cover sheet must accompany the photo. See guidelines below.

Guidelines

Photos must be the NYCHA member's own work and must have been taken during the last 12 months.

Photos will be judged on composition, exposure, and originality. Photos may be color or black & white.

Any type of camera including cell phones may be used. Please do not mount photos. Place photo in sheet protector. Entries must be submitted as 8"x10" photographs. A separate sheet of paper must be included with each photo stating the contestant's name, NYCHA member number, age division, and a caption describing the photo. Members can only submit 1 photo.

If a photo includes people, places or events please identify each. (where, what and who).

The cover sheet must also include 2-3 sentences explaining how the subject matter relates to THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY and how that horse is carrying on the lineage of a past horse who has contributed to the cutting industry.

NYCHA Artwork Contest

\$500 Junior and Senior Scholarship

Topic: THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY

Your entry can be a drawing, painting, craft or leatherwork of The Horse, The Athlete, The Legacy and how that legacy relates to the today's cutting industry.

Guidelines

Artwork must be the NYCHA member's own work and must have been done during the last 12 months. Artwork will be judged on creativity and originality. Please do not mount drawing and artwork. Place your project in a protective sleeve or a protected enclosure for mailing. Drawings and Paintings must be submitted as 8"x10" sheet.

Crafts and leatherwork need to be photographed from all sides including a top view. Place your photo project in a protective sleeve for mailing. Photos must be submitted as 8"x10" sheet.

A separate cover sheet of paper must be included with each artwork stating the contestant's name, NYCHA member number, age division, and a caption describing the artwork.

The cover sheet must also include 2-3 sentences explaining how the subject matter relates to THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY. The legacy of the horse is about the horses today that are carrying the lineage of our past cutting horses that contributed to the cutting industry.

Members can only submit 1 artwork.

NYCHA Speech Contest Topic: THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY

\$1000 Junior and Senior Champions

\$500 Junior and Senior Reserve Champions

History plays a critical role in determining the future and it's no different with the NCHA/NYCHA. Horses of the past have impacted where we are today, and today's horses will impact our future.

Guidelines

The prepared speech contest gives contestants a chance to showcase their knowledge of the theme for the year, which is **THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY** while delivering a two and half minute speech based on the horses today that are carrying the lineage of our past cutting horses that contributed to the cutting industry.

****All entries are the property of NYCHA and will not be returned. Winning essay, artwork, and speech's may be used for promotional purposes. Winning contest material may be used for promotional purposes.

****Contestants can enter both Photo contest and Artwork contest but can only win one.

****All contest not meeting the above guidelines will be disqualified.

****NYCHA is not responsible for damage to photos during shipping. We suggest you package artwork with bubble wrap and cardboard. Be sure to mark packages with "Do Not Bend".

All photos, artwork and accompanying cover sheets must be postmarked by June 10, 2021 and mailed to:
NCHA Youth Department
Contest: Cutting (THE HORSE, THE ATHLETE, THE LEGACY)
260 Bailey Avenue,
Fort Worth, TX 76107.