



AYHC 2009 Leader of the Year Nomination Instruction

Who: American Youth Horse Council Leader of the Year

What: An annual award to recognize an adult leader who has offered outstanding leadership to young people within the horse industry. This top leader introduces newcomers to the horse industry, mentors young horsemen, and promotes the horse industry within the local community and accomplishes these goals in fun, innovative ways. **This is a benefit to AYHC members and any AYHC member may nominate one adult leader (must be a current AYHC member) they feel worthy of this honor.**

When: Each year nominations for the award can be made to the AYHC Awards Committee through September 30.

Where: The award will be presented to the AYHC Leader of the Year early each year during the annual AYHC Youth Leadership Symposium. The 2009 National Youth Leaders Symposium will be held in Lincoln, NE on March 19-21, 2010 in Lexington, KY.

Why: Strong adult leadership for young horsemen now helps ensure a vital horse industry in the future. Any leader who volunteers time and effort to the youth horse industry should be recognized as a potential candidate for the award.

How: Awards Committee members will review and evaluate the nominations and present their findings to the AYHC Board. The final selection will be based on the nominee's accomplishments within the horse industry in general and his or her contributions to the youth horse industry in particular. It is very important to fully outline why the nominee fulfills all of the categories below in order for the committee to completely see the nominee's qualifications.

Nominees will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest score, in these categories:

1. Contributions to youth horse industry.
2. Innovative approach to working with youth.
3. Industry promotion at local level.
4. Horse industry and community involvement
5. Two letters of recommendation from young horsemen or horsewomen

Application Requirements:

- **Must** include documentation formatted specifically to address these five scored categories. Additional supporting materials such as program brochures, fliers, schedules, etc. can be attached as appropriate and will not be included in the 10 page limit.
- 10 page limit including the nomination form (excluding supporting materials such as program brochures, fliers, schedules, etc)
- No more than 2 pages for each of the 5 scored categories
- 12 point Arial font, single spaced (no hand written applications accepted)
- Three photos illustrating the nominee's involvement in horse and/or leadership activities must also be submitted with the application. Photos in an electronic format (jpeg) are preferred.

*****Applications that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.**

Submit completed application to AYHC no later than Sept. 30, 2009 via mail, fax or email:
6660 #D-451 Delmonico, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 – info@ayhc.com fax: 775-256-0382



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Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of years youth horse leader involved with horses: _____

Number of years youth horse leader involved with a youth horse club/organization: _____

Number of years youth horse leader involved with youth horse club/*organization in a leadership role*: _____

List the horse organizations youth horse leader is member of: _____

List the leadership roles youth horse leader has held in horse clubs/associations: _____

Following documentation **must** be included:

- Horse industry leadership experience.
- Innovative approach to working with youth.
- Mentoring of other adult leaders of youth horse programs.
- Horse industry and community involvement.
- Two letter of recommendation from young horsemen and/or horsewomen
- Three photos - jpeg format preferred email to info@ayhc.com