

AYHC 2009 National Student Leader of the Year Nomination Instructions

Who: American Youth Horse Council Student Leader of the Year

What: An annual award to recognize a student leader (age 14 – 18) 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. **The AYHC awards program is a member benefit and any member may nominate one student leader they feel worthy of this honor.**

When: Nominations for the award must be submitted to the AYHC office by September 30, 2009.

Where: The winner and four finalists for the AYHC Student Leader of the Year will be recognized early each year during the annual AYHC Youth Leaders Symposium. The 2008 National Youth Leaders Symposium will be held in Lexington, KY on March 19 – 21, 2010.

Why: Peer mentoring is very important to the growth of youth. Having a strong youth leader in a horse club is a great attribute to keep the club vibrant and growing. Kids love looking up to other kids and a good role model is important to have in any youth group and should be recognized for his/her contributions. Any student leader who volunteers time and effort to the youth horse industry should be recognized as a potential candidate for the award.

How: AYHC 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/her contributions to the youth horse industry in particular. **The scoring will be done as outlined below, it is very important for nominators to outline why the nominee fulfills each category in order for the committee to completely see the nominee's qualification.**

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

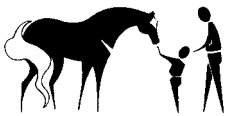
1. Horse industry leadership experience
2. Innovative approach to working with peers.
3. Mentoring of other youth.
4. Horse industry and community involvement.
5. Letters of recommendation (one from a peer, one from an adult leader)

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 September 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 student leader involved with horses: _____

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

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

List the horse organizations student leader is member of: _____

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

Following documentation **must** be included:

- Horse industry leadership experience.
- Innovative approach to working with peers.
- Mentoring of other youth.
- Horse industry and community involvement.
- Letter of recommendation from a peer
- Letter of recommendation from an adult leader
- Three photos - jpeg format preferred email to info@ayhc.com