



# American Youth Horse Council Partnership Award

**What:** Recognition of outstanding programs or formal activities that have provided leadership, education and positive inspiration to young people in accordance with the overall mission of the American Youth Horse Council exemplified by its motto, "Connecting Kids Through Horses." Such might include introducing newcomers to horses, mentoring young horse lovers, or promoting horses in enjoyable, educational or innovative ways to capture youthful hearts and imaginations.

**When:** Nominations can be made through the American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) office. The AYHC Awards Committee will review the nominees annually and each year at the National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, we will award one youth horse program the AYHC Partnership Award. The deadline for nomination of a program to be eligible for the 2009 Award is September 30, 2009.

**Where:** The award will be presented to the AYHC Partnership Award winning organization early each year during the annual AYHC Youth Leadership Symposium.

**Why:** Strong leadership for young horsemen now helps ensure a vital horse industry in the future. Any program within the youth horse industry that strives to "Connect Kids Through Horses" with the emphasis of leadership development 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 nominated program's accomplishments within the horse industry in general and its contributions to the youth horse industry in particular. It is very important to fully outline why the nominated program fulfills all of the categories below in order for the committee to completely see the nominee's qualifications.

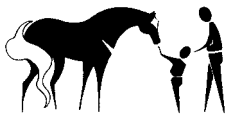
## **Nominees will be scored on a scale from 1 to 10 on these criteria:**

1. Scope of contributions to youth horse industry by "Connecting Kids Through Horses."
2. Innovative approach(s) to working with youth.
3. Youth Leadership training and activities.
4. Horse industry promotion.
5. Community Involvement.

## **Nomination Suggestions:**

- 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)
- Letters of recommendation from a young horseman or horsewoman or adult leaders of the program.
- No less than one paragraph and not more than 2 pages in support of the 5 scored categories
- Three photos illustrating the nominated programs involvement in horse and/or leadership activities must also be submitted with the application. Photos in an electronic format (jpeg) are preferred.

Submit completed application, preferably in one electronic document to AYHC no later than September 30, 2009. via mail, fax or email: 6660 #D-451 Delmonico, Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
[info@ayhc.com](mailto:info@ayhc.com) fax: 775-256-0382



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## Nomination Form

**Nominated Program Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of years this program has been "Connecting Kids Through Horses": \_\_\_\_\_

Number of youth that are involved in the program? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adult leaders are involved in the program? \_\_\_\_\_

Mission of the program? \_\_\_\_\_

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The following documentation may be included:

- Description of scope of activities that help "Connect Kids Through Horses"
- Outline of innovative approach(es) to working with youth and horses.
- Description of youth leadership training and activities.
- Methods of horse industry promotion.
- Description of community involvement.
- Letters of support from adult leader or participating youth horseman or horsewoman.
- Photos of program activity - jpeg format preferred and emailed to [info@ayhc.com](mailto:info@ayhc.com)