



AYHC 2011 PARTNERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

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.

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.

Where: The award will be presented during the Symposium, March 23-25, 2012 in Herndon, VA.

When: Nominations are due no later than November 15, 2011.

How: The Awards Committee 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 fully comprehend 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(es) to working with youth.
3. Youth leadership training and activities.
4. Horse industry promotion.
5. Community involvement.

Nomination Guidelines:

- Include the mission of the program
- State number of years the nominated program has been "Connecting Kids Through Horses"
- State number of youth participating in the program
- State number of adult leaders involved in the program
- 10 page limit including the nomination form (excluding supporting materials)
- Documentation formatted specifically to address the five scored criteria
- No less than 1 paragraph and not more than 2 pages in support of each of the 5 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.
- Letters of recommendation: minimum of 1 each from adult leader and participating youth horseman or horsewoman.
- Three photos illustrating the nominated program's involvement in horse and/or leadership activities submitted with the application. Photos must be submitted in an electronic format (jpeg); email to info@ayhc.com.

Nomination MUST include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominated Program Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominator name |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominator Address |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominator Telephone & E-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Address | |
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Submit **complete nomination package**, preferably in one electronic document, to AYHC no later than November 15, 2012 via mail, fax or email to:

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