



AYHC 2011 LEADER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Who: American Youth Horse Council 2011 Leader of the Year

What: An annual award to recognize individuals who work with youth and horses. 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. Any individual who is a member in good standing with AYHC can be nominated. **The individual can have an individual membership or be a member of a group that holds AYHC membership. The member should be considered a good ambassador of AYHC for this national recognition.**

When: Nominations can be made to the AYHC Awards Committee through November 15, 2011.

Where: The award will be presented each year during the annual AYHC Symposium, which will be held next on March 23-25, 2012 in Herndon, VA.

Why: Strong adult leadership for young horsemen today 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: 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 nominee's accomplishments within the horse industry in general and his or her contributions to the youth horse industry in particular. After the nominee application and letters of support are received, a committee member will interview the nominee by phone using standard questions regarding the nominees' accomplishments as a youth leader.

Please submit the following information for your nominee:

- Nominee Name
- Address, City, State, Zip
- Barn name/Business name
- Telephone
- Email
- Nominated by
- Address
- Email
- Number of years involved with youth, horses and in what capacity
- 3 photos illustrating the nominee's involvement in horse and/or leadership activities—must also be submitted in electronic format (jpeg) with the application
- 2 letters of recommendation from individuals not related to nominee, but familiar with their work on behalf of youth with horses or on behalf of the AYHC.

Application Requirements:

- **Application MUST include all the requested items above.**
- Format in 12 point Arial font, single spaced (no hand written applications accepted).
- Upon receipt of application the nominee will be assigned to a committee member who will contact the nominee for a telephone interview. Questions will be provided in advance of the interview.
- Following the interview, the committee will review the results of the applications and interviews and rank the nominees. The committee chair will then determine the winner by January 15, 2012.
- Finalists will be notified after the rankings are completed. The winner will be announced at the Symposium.

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

Submit completed application to AYHC no later than Nov. 15, 2011 via mail, fax or email:
577 North Boyero Ave., Pueblo West, CO 81007 – info@ayhc.com fax: 775-256-0382