



AYHC 2011 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. Any member between the ages of 14 –18) in good standing with AYHC can be nominated. **The nominee may hold 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 for the award must be submitted to the AYHC office by Nov. 15, 2011.

Where: The winner and finalists for the AYHC Student Leader of the Year will be recognized during the annual AYHC Symposium in Herndon, VA on March 23-25, 2012. The winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500.

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 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: 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. A committee member will interview the nominee by phone using standard questions regarding the nominees' accomplishments as a youth leader. The interview will be scheduled after the nominee application and letters of support are received.

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.
- 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).
- Include three photos illustrating the nominee's involvement in horse and/or leadership activities must also be submitted in electronic format (jpeg) with the application.
- Upon receipt of application the nominee will be assigned to a committee member who will contact the nominee for a telephone interview. During the scheduling of this interview, nominee will be provided with the list of questions they will be asked.
- Once interviewed the committee will review the results of the applications and interviews and rank the nominees. The committee chair will then determine the winner by Jan 15,2012
- Finalists will be notified after the rankings are completed. The winner 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:
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