



National Youth Cutting Horse Association Youth Convention

Contest Information & Rules

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\$6,000 in Scholarships to be awarded!

To access contest entry forms and rules, visit www.nycha.us

Future so Bright!

These contests are open to **all NCHA youth members**. With the exception of the public speaking contest, you do not have to attend the 2023 Great American Insurance Group Summer Cutting Spectacular or the Youth Convention to participate in the contests. Scholarships will be awarded in both Junior and Senior divisions.

The NYCHA out of arena contests are an opportunity for you to develop and sharpen your skills, and showcase your talents outside of the show pen. Your participation in these contests further the mission of the National Youth Cutting Horse Association.

Age categories:

- Senior (14-18) as of June 1, 2022
- Junior (13 and under) as of June 1, 2022

*The theme for this year's contest is **Future so Bright!** The National Youth Cutting Horse Association helps youth members reach their full potential by promoting education, healthy decision-making, and promotion of workforce skills. The future is brightest when the next generation of leaders of the National Cutting Horse Association have both the tools and the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the future of our organization. As a youth member of the NCHA, how has your time in the youth program and/or western lifestyle helped shape your goals for the future?*

NYCHA Essay Contest

- *First Place Junior Champion- \$500*
- *First Place Senior Champion- \$500*

Topic: Future so Bright!

Youth face a variety of challenges at this unique stage of their lives. Juggling school, extracurricular activities, and the responsibilities of charting their path toward the future. In detail, use your essay to describe how your involvement in the NYCHA and/or western lifestyle have helped you set your goals for the future and what you think it will take to achieve them.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility

- The NYCHA Essay Contest is open to youth members in good standing with the National Cutting Horse Association/National Youth Cutting Horse Association.
- Previous winners are eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).

2. Entry Application

- There is no entry fee for the NYCHA Essay scholarship contest.
- All entries must be postmarked/submitted to the NCHA Youth Director, Rianna Storey no later than midnight (CST) on June 30, 2023. You are permitted to email your essay to rstorey@nchacutting.com.
- Each essay entry must be a Word Document, using 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, Double-spaced.
- The heading at the top of the first page must include:

- Name of the Youth member
- NCHA Membership Number
- Age and date of birth
- Phone Number

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3. Contest Format

- Essays must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and is cause for automatic disqualification.
- The Essay will be scored in the following areas:
 - Writing Style: Well-organized and focused, begins and ends effectively, no grammatical errors, use of appropriate vocabulary and tone.
 - Originality: Demonstrates creativity or originality, strongly shows the writer's attitude or point of view in a meaningful and original way.
- The NYCHA Essay Scholarship contest will be evaluated by a qualified judge with no NCHA affiliation.
- The National Youth Cutting Horse Association, and their partners, reserve the right to reprint the essays and release the winning essays to local newspapers/magazines for publication. This includes use on all social media

platforms.

4. Notification Of Contest Winner
 - a. A list of contestants, along with their age division, will be posted once judges scoring is final.
 - b. Winners will be recognized at the NYCHA Banquet.
5. Awarded Scholarships
 - a. Scholarships will be held under the student's name at the NCHA Foundation until the student is ready to utilize their available scholarship funds.
 - b. All scholarship payment requests must be made via the on-line portal, located on the "Scholarship" page of the NCHA Foundation web page.
 - c. All scholarship payouts will be made directly to the educational institution of choice.
 - d. For help accessing the scholarship portal, contact scholarships@nchafoundation.org

NYCHA Photo Contest

- *First Place Junior Champion - \$500*
- *First Place Senior Champion - \$500*

Topic: Future so Bright!

Use your photography skills to showcase your vision of the sport. This can be a new foal, new tack, an individual riding for the first time or more. Use your imagination to showcase goals, hopes, and dreams for the future of not only the NCHA but the western lifestyle.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility
 - a. The NYCHA Photo Contest is open to youth members in good standing with the National Cutting Horse Association/National Youth Cutting Horse Association.
 - b. Previous winners are eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).
2. Entry Application
 - a. There is no entry fee for the NYCHA Photo scholarship contest.
 - b. Hardcopies need to be mailed and must be postmarked by June 30, 2023, to the following address:
 - i. NCHA Youth Director, Rianna Storey, 260 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107
 - ii. When mailing your artwork, please package it correctly to prevent any damage.
 - c. One photo submission per NCHA youth member.
 - d. The photo will not be returned.
3. Contest Format
 - a. Photographs submitted must have been taken within the last year.

- b. All submissions must be a minimum of 8" x 10".
 - c. Photos will be judged on composition, exposure, and originality.
 - d. Photos may be in color or black & white.
 - e. Please do not mount photos.
 - f. Place the photo in a sheet protector for mailing.
 - g. On a separate sheet of paper include:
 - i. NCHA Youth Member's name
 - ii. NCHA Membership Number
 - iii. Age and date of birth
 - iv. Photo location
 - v. Title for your photo
 - h. By submitting an image, the National Youth Cutting Horse Association, and their partners, reserve the right to reprint the photos and release the winning photos to local newspapers/magazines for publication. This includes use on all social media content.
 - i. The winning photographer will be credited and recognized on social media and in promotional materials.
 - j. The NYCHA Photo Scholarship contest will be evaluated by a qualified judge with no NCHA affiliation.
4. Notification of Contest Winners
- a. A list of contestants, along with their age division, will be posted once judges scoring is final.
 - b. Winners will be recognized at the NYCHA Banquet.
5. Awarded Scholarships
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 - b. All scholarship payment requests must be made via the on-line portal, located on the "Scholarship" page of the NCHA Foundation web page.
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NYCHA Artwork Contest

- *First Place Junior Champion- \$500*
- *First Place Senior Champion - \$500*

Topic: Future so Bright!

Art gives us the ability to express ourselves in new and creative ways. With your goals for the future in mind, create a piece of artwork that showcases your love for the western lifestyle.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility
 - a. The NYCHA Art Contest is open to youth members in good standing with the National Cutting Horse Association/National Youth Cutting Horse Association.
 - b. Previous winners are eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).
2. Entry Application
 - a. There is no entry fee for the NYCHA Scholarship Art contest.
 - b. One artwork submission per NCHA youth member.
 - c. Artwork will not be returned.
 - d. Artwork must be the NCHA youth members own work and have been drawn, painted, or created within the last year.
 - e. When submitting your artwork, please include the following:
 - i. NCHA Youth Members Name
 - ii. NCHA Membership Number
 - iii. Age and date of birth
 - f. The winning artists will be credited and recognized on social media and in promotional materials.
 - g. Artwork will be judged on creativity and originality.
 - h. The NYCHA Artwork Scholarship contest will be evaluated by a qualified judge with no NCHA affiliation.
 - i. By entering the contest, you grant the National Cutting Horse Association, and its partners, the use, reproduction, and ownership of submitted artwork to the National Cutting Horse Association. This includes on all social media platforms.
3. Notification of Contest Winner
 - a. A list of contestants, along with their age division, will be posted once judges scoring is final.
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NYCHA Public Speaking Contest

- **1st Place Senior Champion - \$800.00**
- **2nd Place Senior Reserve Champion - \$500.00**
- **3rd Place Senior Division - \$200.00**
- **1st Place Junior Champion - \$800.00**
- **2nd Place Junior Reserve Champion - \$500.00**
- **3rd Place Junior Division - \$200.00**

Speech Topic: Future so Bright!

Your time as an NYCHA member allows you to develop friendships, grow alongside your horse in and out of the arena, become more responsible, set short and long-term goals, and provide opportunities to pursue higher education, trade school, and certifications. How has being an NYCHA member helped you prepare for the future and how can you be an example, and encouraging, to the next generation of youth members?

Guidelines

1. Eligibility
 - a. The Public Speaking Contest is open to NYCHA members 18 years of age and under.
 - i. Junior Division: participants must be 13 years of age or under as of July 1, 2022.
 - ii. Senior Division: participants must be 14 to 18 years of age as of July 1, 2022.
 - b. Contestants must be NYCHA members, with valid member number, in good standing.
 - c. Previous winners are eligible to enter the contest in subsequent year(s).
2. Entry Application
 - a. In addition to your online entry form, a copy of your speech must be submitted to NCHA Foundation director, Julia Buswold, by midnight on June 30, 2023. Please email a copy of your speech to jbuswold@nchacutting.com.
 - b. Please include your name, NCHA member number, age, birthday, and phone number on the top right-hand corner of your speech.
 - c. No late entries or speeches will be accepted.
3. Contest Format
 - a. The Public Speaking Contest will be conducted in person.
 - b. Speeches will be evaluated and scored by a panel of judges.
 - c. Contestants will be judged on the following:
 - i. Ability to deliver their speech within the allotted time (2 ½ - 3 minutes)
 - ii. Does your speech follow and answer the prompt?
 - iii. Ability to maintain composure and deliver your speech to the judges.
 - iv. Brief question-and-answer session with the judges following speech.
 - d. Contestants will be placed in a randomly drawn speaking order, within their age group, and will be evaluated and ranked by the judges.
 - e. Only the contestant, judges, and timekeeper will be allowed in the contest room.
 - f. A brief question-and-answer period will follow each speech. The question-and-answer portion is not included in the time allowed for the speech.
4. Notification Of Contest Winner
 - a. A list of contestants, along with their age division, will be posted once judges scoring is final.
 - b. Winners will be recognized at the NYCHA Banquet.
5. Dress Attire
 - a. Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official NYCHA attire is recommended. Example – clean jeans or slacks, button down or blouse, groomed hair.

6. Presentation Time
 - a. Each speech shall be a minimum of two and a half (2 ½) minutes in length and a maximum of three (3) minutes. Time point deductions will apply as follows:
 - i. Under two and a half minutes - one point per ten seconds
 - ii. Over three minutes - one point per ten seconds
7. Props
 - a. The use of pets, signs, electronics, objects, or props of any kind are prohibited. Any violation of this rule will result in contestant disqualification.
8. Speech Topic
 - a. Each contestant will enter a single speech. The contestant's speech must clearly address the given topic and clear to the judges.
9. Tie Break
 - a. In the event of a tie, the judges will meet to review their notes and decide on a clear order of place. The ruling of the judges is final.
10. Awarded Scholarships
 - a. Scholarships will be held under the student's name at the NCHA Foundation until the student is ready to utilize their available scholarship funds.
 - b. All scholarship payment requests must be made via the on-line portal, located on the "Scholarship" page of the NCHA Foundation web page.
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*****All out of arena contest entries are the property of NYCHA and will not be returned.*

*****Winning essay, artwork, photos and speeches may be used for promotional purposes including use on all social media platforms.*

*****All contestants not meeting individual contest guidelines will be disqualified.*

*****NCHA/NYCHA is not responsible for damage to photos or artwork during shipping. Please package accordingly to ensure the safe arrival of your entry. Should an entry arrive damaged, the contestant will be notified.*

All entries and accompanying cover sheets must be postmarked by June 30, 2023, and mailed to:

National Youth Cutting Horse Association
Attn: Rianna Storey, NCHA Youth Director
Contest: NYCHA Out of the Arena Scholarships
260 Bailey Avenue,
Fort Worth, TX 76107