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YOUTH CONVENTION 2022

National Youth Cutting Horse Association NYCHA Youth Convention Contest Information

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\$6,000 in Scholarships are being offered*

GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX

These contests are open to **all NYCHA members**; you do not have to attend the Summer Cutting Spectacular or the Youth Convention to participate in the contests, with the exception of Public Speaking. Prizes will be awarded including one scholarship for the best in each Senior and Junior division. You can even earn LEAP points by submitting an entry!

An opportunity for you to develop and sharpen your skills and talents outside of the show pen. We hope you will contribute your talents and skills through these contests as part of our mission to promote Educational and Leadership.

Age categories:

Must be a youth member in good standings.

Senior (14-18)

Junior (13 and under)

GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX – The sandbox is the dirt that you either played in as a little kid growing up in the cutting horse industry or that same dirt that you compete in the cutting horse industry today.

NYCHA Essay Contest

\$500 Junior and Senior Scholarship

Topic: GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX

The essay should talk about how playing in the dirt helped you become the young person or young adult you are today. Some subject matters could be how playing in the dirt helped with Socializing, Sharing, Friendships, Competing, Personal Growth, and I'm sure that you can think of much more.

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Guidelines

- Essays should be 1000 words or less. 12 pt. text, double spaced.
- Essays will be judged on spelling, punctuation, grammar, and content. Essays must be typed or will be automatically Disqualified.
- Each essay must have a cover sheet stating the contestant's name, address, phone number, and member number; the title of the essay; and the age division in which the entrant will be competing.

NYCHA Photo Contest

\$500 Junior and Senior Scholarship

Topic: GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX

The photo can be of the sandbox that you grew up playing in or that you compete in related to the cutting industry.

Guidelines

- Photos must be the NYCHA member's own work and must have been taken during the last 12 months.
- Photos will be judged on composition, exposure, and originality. Photos may be color or black & white.
- Any type of camera including cell phones may be used. Please do not mount photos.
- Place photo in sheet protector. Entries must be submitted as 8"x10" photographs.
- A separate sheet of paper must be included with each photo stating the contestant's name, NYCHA member number, age division, and a caption describing the photo.
- Members can only submit 1 photo.
- If a photo includes people, places or events please identify each. (where, what and who).
- The cover sheet must also include 2-3 sentences explaining how the subject matter relates to GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX *and how that has*

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NYCHA Artwork Contest

\$500 Junior and Senior Scholarship

Topic: GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX

Your entry can be a drawing, painting, craft, or leatherwork of Growing Up In The Sandbox related to the cutting industry.

Guidelines

- Artwork must be the NYCHA member's own work and must have been done during the last 12 months. Artwork will be judged on creativity and originality. Please do not mount drawing and artwork. Place your project in a protective sleeve or a protected enclosure for mailing. Drawings and Paintings must be submitted as 8"x10" sheet.
- Crafts and leatherwork need to be photographed from all sides including a top view. Place your photo project in a protective sleeve for mailing. Photos must be submitted as 8"x10" sheet.
- A separate cover sheet of paper must be included with each artwork stating the contestant's name, NYCHA member number, age division, and a caption describing the artwork.
- The cover sheet must also include 2-3 sentences explaining how the subject matter relates to Growing Up In The Sandbox related to the cutting horse industry.
- Members can only submit 1 artwork.

NYCHA Speech Contest

\$1000 Junior and Senior Champions

\$500 Junior and Senior Reserve Champions

Topic: GROWING UP IN THE SANDBOX

Playing in the sandbox helps develop us at an early age. It starts with developing friendships, communicating, sharing, and socializing, just to mention a few. As you get older and we start to compete in the dirt we start learning how to cope with success, failure, being a leader, supporting others, goal setting, and risk-taking again to mention a few. How has playing in the sandbox helped you to this point of your life?

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- The prepared speech contest gives contestants a chance to showcase their knowledge of the theme for the year, which is **Growing Up In The Sandbox** while delivering a two and half minute speech based on how playing in the dirt of the sandbox helps your individual growth.

****All entries are the property of NYCHA and will not be returned. Winning essay, artwork, and speeches may be used for promotional purposes. Winning contest material may be used for promotional purposes.

****Contestants can enter both Photo contest and Artwork contest but can only win one.

****All contest not meeting the above guidelines will be disqualified.

****NYCHA is not responsible for damage to photos during shipping. We suggest you package the artwork with bubble wrap and cardboard. Be sure to mark packages with "Do Not Bend".

All photos, artwork, and accompanying cover sheets must be postmarked by June 1, 2022, and mailed to:

National Youth Cutting Horse Association

Attn: Michael Simmons

Contest: NYCHA (Growing Up in the Sandbox)

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