



The National Walking Horse Association

Neil Clark Memorial Scholarship Program

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## PROGRAM

**Purpose:** Our youth are our future. This scholarship program was established to encourage youth participation in equestrian sport, at NWHHA events, and at the NWHHA National Championship Show. The scholarships are presented at the NWHHA National Championship Show. Funds are to be used for educational purposes or towards the advancement of the winners' equestrian experience.

**Award:** \$500 total

- \$250 - 12 and under
- \$250 - 13-17 (*youth's age as of January 1 of the current year*).

### **Requirements**

- Youth must be a member of NWHHA (either as an individual Youth Member or as a youth whose parents/guardians hold a Family Membership)
- Youth member must be aged 17 or under on January 1 of the current year.
- Please see "Categories of Competition" below for details on the entry subjects/requirements. You are required to submit one entry from any of the three categories for scholarship consideration. If you want to submit one from each, please do. We enjoy seeing your many talents! *Only one entry per category, please.*
- You need not own a horse to enter!



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## **CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION**

### **Category 1: Essay**

- Choose one topic:
  1. What is your most memorable horse-related experience?
  2. Who has been most influential in your equestrian experience and why?
  3. Why does the NWHHA fight to promote the sound horse?
- Essay must be a minimum of 300 words with no maximum length.
- Essay must be the work of the participant and be from his/her own perspective.
- All entries should be typed or in neat legible print and must include name, address, age, and phone number of participant.
- This will be scored twice, once for content by a fellow horseman, and secondly by an English professor for literary skill. A combined score will be accumulated to the participants.
- Each participant may enter only one essay.

### **Category 2: Art or Poetry**

- All entries must be original work of the participating NWHHA Youth and must relate to the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- The applicant may choose between either Art or Poetry.
- Artwork submissions can be in any medium but limited to 8" x 10" in dimension.
- Poetry must be limited to a single page 8 1/2" x 11". This is an entirely subjective process for judging and scoring; therefore, a large percentage of the judging will be based on presentation and effort.
- All art and poems will be published in the newsletter with permission of the artist or poet.
- All items must include on the back: name, address, age (as of January 1 of current year), and phone number.
- Each participant may enter only one work of art.

### **Category 3: Photography**

- If you have a camera, or a cell phone, this is the division for you! We know you LOVE horses! So, let's see those great pics – funny, serious, or emotional – of the awesome walking horse!
- All entries must be the work of the participating NWHHA youth and must include on the back: name, address, age (as of January 1 of current year), and phone number.
- Only one entry per participant allowed.
- Finished work including matte and wrap must be no larger than 8" x 10" with no glass or frame allowed.
- Subject can be anything regarding a Tennessee Walking Horse (humor, show, trail, pleasure, etc.). Captions will be permitted.
- Medium: Black & White or Color, matte or gloss finish



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**APPLICATION FORM**

*(due no later than September 1 to the NWHHA Office)*

**Personal Information**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT STATUS** (please X one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth -12 and under Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth – 13-17 Division

NWHHA membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Category of Submission**

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Art/Poetry

\_\_\_\_\_ Photography

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ATTN: Neil Clark Memorial Scholarship Submission