National Youth Cutting Horse Association
PHOTO CONTEST

This contest is open to all NYCHA members; you do not have to attend the Summer Cutting Spectacular or the Youth Convention to participate in the contest. Great prizes will be awarded including one $500 scholarship for the best overall photo. You can even earn LEAP points by submitting an entry!

Age Divisions

- Junior age division - 13 & under
- Senior age division - 14 & older

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, photographic quality, and originality.
- Photos may be color or black & white.
- Any type of camera may be used.
- It is not required that photos be mounted.
- ***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 may submit as many photos as they wish.
- Entries will become the property of NYCHA and will not be returned. Winning photos may be used for promotional purposes.
- Photos may include people as well as other props. If a photo includes people, please identify each person.
- NYCHA is not responsible for damage to photos during shipping. We suggest you package photos with bubble wrap or cardboard. Be sure to mark packages with "Do Not Bend".

Subject – Members may submit as many entries as they wish. All photos must follow the given category.

- ***Cattle – They could be in the pasture, in the barn, at a cutting event, or maybe even at a livestock show. Any photo with at least one cow.***

Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2010 and mailed to

NYCHA Photo Contest
260 Bailey Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Questions regarding the NYCHA Photo Contest can be directed to NCHA Youth Department • (817) 244-6188 • youth@nchacutting.com

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ESSAY CONTEST

This contest is open to all NYCHA members; you do not have to attend the Summer Cutting Spectacular or the Youth Convention to participate in the contest. Great prizes will be awarded including one $500 scholarship for the best overall essay. You can even earn LEAP points by submitting an entry!

Age Divisions – All divisions can get help with typing, but must write and edit the essay themselves.

- 8 & under
- 9-12
- 13-15
- 16 & up

Guidelines

- Essays should be 1,000 words or less.
- Essays will be judged on spelling, punctuation, and content.
- Essays must be typed.
- Each essay should have a cover sheet stating the contestant's name, address, phone number and member number; the title of their essay; and the age division in which they will be competing.
- All entries are the property of NYCHA and will not be returned.
- Winning essays may be used for promotional purposes.

Topic for all age groups:

How does the sport of cutting carry on the traditions of the Old West?

Shynia Randles Memorial Award

In April 2008, NYCHA members lost a young member of our "cutting family" - Shynia Randles passed away at the age of 13. Shynia loved to write stories about horses and her family. She also cheered for all the youth cutters at shows, especially those that tried hard but didn't have the greatest run. She truly wanted every youth member to succeed. Each year NYCHA and the Randles family will present the Shynia Randles Memorial Award to one junior participant in the NYCHA Essay Contest who exemplifies a positive attitude and a generous spirit. In this way, Shynia's legacy will live on through others that enjoy writing a good story and are a positive influence to their friends and family.

(All Junior essays will be automatically entered for the Shynia Randles Memorial Award.)

Essays must be postmarked by June 1, 2010 and mailed to

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