

# National Youth Cutting Horse Association

## 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  
NYCHA Essay Contest  
260 Bailey Avenue  
Forth Worth, TX 76107.***

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