

National Youth Cutting Horse Association

ESSAY and PHOTO CONTEST

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. Great prizes will be awarded including one \$500 scholarship for the best in each division essay and one \$1,000 scholarship for the best overall photo. You can even earn LEAP points by submitting an entry!

Age categories:

Senior (14-18) **Junior** (13 and under)

ESSAY CONTEST*

Topic: **Fantasy Cutting Run**

The perfect run that you hope will one day happen to you.

**You may have assistance, but entrants must write and edit the essay themselves.*

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.

All entries are the property of NYCHA and will not be returned. Winning essays may be used for promotional purposes. All essays not meeting the above guidelines will be disqualified.

PHOTO CONTEST

Topic: **Friendship**

What friendship looks like to you.

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 may be used. Please do not mount photos. Place photo in sheet protector. Photos not submitted as specified will be disqualified. 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 and cardboard. Be sure to mark packages with "Do Not Bend".

Subject – All photos must follow the given category.

Photos not meeting the guidelines will automatically be disqualified.



Essays and Photos must be postmarked by June 1, 2017 and mailed to:

NYCHA Essay Contest: 260 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

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