



## ATTENTION ARHA YOUTH!!!

### YOUTH CHALLENGE DEADLINE: November 15, 2023

The Youth Challenge was established in 2021 by the ARHA Youth Committee of the American Ranch Horse Association. The ARHA Youth Committee is committed to giving our youth the opportunity to become great horseman. Our ultimate goal with the Youth Challenge is to create an educational program and experience to help ARHA Youth further and improve their horsemanship skills, equine knowledge and abilities as well as an a to earn some cool prizes and \$\$\$\$. In 2024 with the help of the generous donations from breeders we are offering Yearlings for the top entries in our Youth Challenge! These Youth will also receive 30 days of free mentoring from an ARHA Professionals that have donated their time plus a free stall at the 2024 World Championship Show.

**Who is eligible?** Any ARHA Youth member/exhibitors who have shown with American Ranch Horse Association for the last two years. The Youth must be 14 years old by January 1, 2024.

**How do I apply?** Applications can be found on the ARHA website: [www.AmericanRanchHorse.net](http://www.AmericanRanchHorse.net) on the forms page, You must complete the application, submit an essay and the \$100 application fee to the ARHA Office.

**What is the Deadline?** All essays, applications, and fees must be in the ARHA Office October 15, 2023. Please send to the address below.

**How many winners?** The number of winners is based on how many foals have been donated. The top participants will be chosen based off the Applications, an Essay and phone interview. The written Essay topic is: "What Winning A Ranch Horse Means To Me". The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will get first choice of horse, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will get second choice of horse, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will get the third horse and so on. Each winner will receive a custom ARHYA Journal to track and record their progress!

**Requirements:** The winning Youth Participants will be required to bring their Yearlings to the 2024 World Show held at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida and must compete in 2 classes (Yearling In-Hand Trail and Grooming/Fitting) and throughout this 6 month (February-July) program must kept the provided record book, and participate in Interviews \*\*\* For Youth Challenge Application Go to: [AmericanRanchHorse.net](http://AmericanRanchHorse.net). The winning participants will be announced at the 2023 ARHA Awards Banquet held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The winners will be responsible for picking up their horses from the breeder donating the Yearling within 30 days of being chosen.

**Let's talk about prizes!** The Youth Participants will be scored on the following: 25% on the Essay and Application, and phone interview; 25% on Record Keeping and 2<sup>nd</sup> Interview at World Show; 25% condition of the horse; 25% on the points earned from the placings at the World Show. There will be numerous prizes and awards plus a cash prize of \$700 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$300 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$200 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 WINNERS!



MAIL APPLICATION TO: ARHA OFFICE  
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