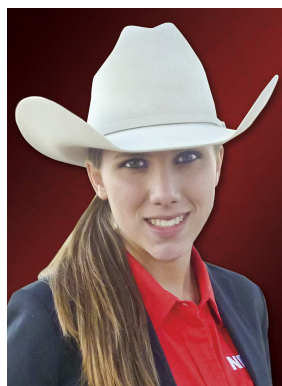


Scholarship Time

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THE SHOW SEASON IS ALMOST HALF OVER AND I HOPE YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL. THE NRHA Derby is approaching rather quickly and I know that the NRHyA officers and many other youth members are looking forward to the exciting events. As we prepare for the Derby, I know that many youth members are getting ready for something very important as well. High school seniors know what I'm talking about, the big graduation day and the search to find the best college match. The NRHyA wants you all to know that we are here for you and want to support you along your way.

The RHSF and NRHyA are offering seven scholarships that total \$10,500 to help youth members meet their college goals. These scholarships are designed to help high school seniors who are working toward an undergraduate degree at a two- or four-year college or university. The seven NRHyA members will receive the scholarship based on their financial need, academic awards, career plans, extracurricular activities and participation in the NRHA and NRHyA. The RHSF and NRHyA are able to provide these scholarships, despite hard economic times, due to generous donations from stallion owners and various other donors. The deadline to apply for these scholarships is May 15 and you can download an application at NRHyA.com.

Exciting activities and opportunities don't stop with high school. For reiners who are already attending college, the NRHA Collegiate Reining Championship, which is held every year at the Derby, provides you with a unique opportunity to compete in a catch-ride event. The riders will show a horse donated by an NRHA member for the competition. The owner/rider of the particular horse will warm it up. After watching the horse being ridden by its owner/rider, the collegiate rider will adjust the stirrups, ride for just five minutes, and then enter the arena and show the horse they drew. Twelve riders will be competing; four nominated by the NRHA, an additional four picked by a committee of NCAA Varsity Coaches, and finally the leading IHSA reining competitors. Be ready to be challenged and have a great learning experience in this championship.

Youth of all ages have something to gain from the NRHyA. While learning responsibility and leadership skills, you will be connected with youth across the world, which will help you continue your future in Reining. I hope to see all of you and cheer you on at the NRHA Derby.

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