

Opportunities

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BEING AN OFFICER FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS TAUGHT ME MORE lessons than I can count. I have learned the dedication required to be a leader. I have learned how to visualize myself in the championship position and how to eventually achieve that goal. On the other hand, I have been taught humility, how to live with disappointment and commiserate with those who are not so lucky with life's lessons.

As youth members of such a fine organization, we have been taught commitment. Whether it is in the show pen or the classroom, we know what is expected of us and we try to consistently do our absolute best. With this mentality, it's not unreasonable to reach for the stars!

I would like to turn your focus to the Art & Photo Contest and the NRHyA Anderson Bean Speaking Contest coming up at this year's NRHA Derby! Now here's a spectacular chance to show your fellow reiners you are made of more than pure riding talent. That picture you took of the skyline last night; send it in! How about that speech you've wanted to present to a crowd who actually understands the horse industry; write it down! Here is another important thought to remember, both the Art & Photo and Speech Contests can be more than just horse related, even though we love our precious fuzz balls and our world revolves around them most of the time.

With the NRHA Derby right around the corner, I can imagine most of you excitedly practicing away, ready to haul to Oklahoma City. I know I sure am! Besides the Futurity, the Derby is one of the most important NRHA events each year. As youth members, I encourage you to meet up with officers and delegates at the Derby to see what you can get involved in, like raffle ticket sales, the youth meeting, or something else. We are always looking for help and would love for you to be more involved.

Take the next month to brainstorm some ideas for the Art & Photo Contest and NRHyA Anderson Bean Speech Contest for the Derby. This is a perfect opportunity to win some really cool prizes and even a scholarship or two. Now that I have recently gone through the college application process I understand how important scholarships are; they are not to be forgotten. So use this opportunity the NRHA has given us to your utmost potential! How cool would it be to have a scholarship awarded to you just for doing what you love?

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