

2016 TOP TEN

YOUTH 13 & UNDER		
RIDER	HORSE/OWNER	POINTS
1. Raeanna R. Thayn	Nics Wimpy Robert & Robbin Thayn, Oxford, NE	56.5
2. Raeanna R. Thayn	Codes Electric Heir Robert & Robbin Thayn, Oxford, NE	47.5
3. Luca Fappani	Premier Diamond Tish S. Fappani, Scottsdale, AZ	45.5
4. Emma K. Lane	Gunner Gump Bundy Lane, Gates, NC	44.5
5. Addisyn Schmersal	Cromer Out Whiz Hickory Creek Ranch LLC, Scottsdale, AZ	41
6. Bo Van Duys	Aim Your Pistol Bo Van Duys, Westcliffe, CO	37.5
7. Analise Granger	Surely A Smartpepto Jan Pence, Melbourne Beach, FL	36
8.T. Madison T. Gustin	Guns R Spooky Madison T. Gustin, Weatherford, TX	35
8.T. Ronny Lane Colston	Chaquita Conquista Kevin M. Colston, Frankfort, KY	35
8.T. Emerson J. Schultis	Inwhizable Senorita Melissa L. Schultis, Plymouth, NE	35

YOUTH 14-18		
RIDER	HORSE/OWNER	POINTS
1. Taylor Roeder	Gunners Silver Star Janine Ladd-Roeder, Findlay, OH	73
2. Kayla B. Shelnett	Tag This Kayla. B Shelnett, Loganville, GA	67
3. McKinnon Larcombe	Blazinginmywranglers XCS Ranch LLC, Gordonville, TX	64.5
4. Terri June Granger	Jeans N Reeboks Terri June Granger, Dothan, AL	60.8
5. Adam L. Reed	Candy Tag Adam L. Reed, Fountaintown, IN	51.5
6. Margaret Sue Dunn	Spooks Smoken Wimpy Margaret M. Valentine, Little Rock, AR	47.5
7. Shaelyn F. Vering	Ten Carat Nic Shaelyn F. Vering, Scribner, NE	44.5
8. Emily R. Sitzman	Valhalla Walla Emily R. Sitzman, New Palestine, IN	44
9. Brooke L. Hagle	Lenas Lectric Deck Brooke L. Hagle, Hinckley, MN	39.5
10. Ally N. Jones	Have A Juice Stacey Evans-Jones, Franklin, KY	39

NRHyA ART & PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



14-18 Photography:
1. "Heartfelt" by Teah Taylor



13 & Under Photography:
1. "Waiting for the draw like..."
by Reis Novaro



14-18 Artwork:
1. "Horse Kisses"
by Toni Lynn Cline



13 & Under Artwork:
1. "Argo"
by Marissa Jones

NRHyA 14-18 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST WINNER

"214"

by Sidney Perdue

Dirt parted ways when the word 'whoa' was muttered just like mountains moved when one believed in oneself.

No one could resist watching as the team met their expectations and new challenges arose. The maneuvers, seen as obstacles that needed to be cleared, came and went quickly as the rider skillfully guided her horse among the run-in pattern.

The youth, full of talent and prosperity, put herself and her steed on trial, seeing how fast she could go, how long she could slide, and how quick she could turn.

Never before had she pushed herself to new limits, but she had been practicing. Practicing like she was going to win, practicing for hours on end, practicing to make sure her plan was foolproof.

Once her fear was replaced by her determination, nothing could stop her.

Nothing but her perseverance.

The judges looked onward as the rider rode with finesse, they judged fairly, and then they came to a sudden halt.

Tiny boots, a straw hat, and a bright pink show shirt left a lasting impression as her big, solid chestnut let the girl lead him out of the pen.

The little child, who looked weary and tired, was smiling at her accomplishments triumphantly.

All of her hard work was coming to play in the arena of Champions.

She didn't know what she was going to score, but she couldn't have cared less.

To her, the ride had been phenomenal, spectacular, simply amazing.

And yet her smiles, so wide, became the size of Texas when the announcer spoke.

All of the judges had seen her skills, her determination, her sheer willpower.

They rewarded the hours, the sweat, the character, the team.

For a brave little girl just scored a 214.