

New Jersey Youth Horse Person of the Year for 2022

Applications should be submitted electronically no later than April 20, 2022 to
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If you are unable to submit the application electronically call Ellen Weisfeld at
732-928-7477 no later than April 18, 2022.

Competition sponsored by the Equine Advisory Board

In order for each contestant and his/her parents or guardian read understand what is involved if the contestant is selected the conditions which accompany this title are outlined below:

Please study these conditions. This agreement must be signed by both the contestant and if the contestant is under 18, by the contestant's parents or guardians. The signed agreement must be returned with the application.

Age and Status

To be eligible to compete an individual must be between 15 and 19 years of age and a permanent legal resident of the state of New Jersey.

Each contestant must represent an organization that is a current member of the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board. Each contestant can only represent one organization and an organization may only sponsor one competitor.

Candidates should be well versed in one or more phases of the horse industry - riding, driving, training, breeding etc.

Duties of the Winner

1. The candidate selected at New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year will hold this title until a successor is chosen. If during the year, the winner is unable to serve in this capacity, he/she must agree to the transfer of the title and all benefits and privileges due the New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year, to the alternate.
2. The Winner must be available for personal appearances arranged through the NJ Equine Advisory Board. Every effort will be made to avoid interference with school or with employment. All appearances must be approved by the NJ Equine Advisory Board or its duly selected person(s).
3. The New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year will not endorse any private product or otherwise use the name New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year or any combination of it, wither directly or indirectly, to sponsor any unauthorized project or engage in any promotional activities not authorized by the NJ Equine Advisory Board.

4. The winner must agree to return for the subsequent New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year contest to crown a successor.
5. Each candidate must agree to accept as final, the decisions of the judges in selecting the New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year.

Selection of the Winner

The New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year will be selected on the basis of poise, personality, ability to communicate and knowledge of horses.

Contestants will be interviewed individually by the judges via zoom on May 4th starting at 6 p.m. Confirmation e-mails with the schedule will be sent to each contestant closer to the event.

Each contestant will be asked to make an oral, public presentation lasting approximately 3 minutes (time window 2 minutes 45 seconds to 3 minutes and 15 seconds).

Oral presentation topic will be “Safe and Effective Horse Keeping on a budget, exploring the challenges of having a horse with limited finances.”

All candidates should wear a sash provided by the organization they represent identifying the organization.

Awards to the Winner

Presentation of the winner will be made at the New Jersey Breeder’s Award Luncheon on June 1, 2022 at the Horse Park of New Jersey. More information will be included in the confirmation e-mail.

All contestants are asked to be at the Horse Park of New Jersey Pavilion no later than 11:45 a.m. if joining us for lunch and no later than 12:45 p.m. if coming only for the awards ceremony. Contestants should dress in slacks or a skirt and a collared shirt and wear their sash identifying their sponsor organization.

New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year Contest
Entry Form

Essay Question: How would you keep horseback riding or carriage driving access to our current open spaces and trails and add more trails.

Essay should be typed, double spaced and 2 pages long.

Name of Contestant _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Parents / Guardians _____

Name of School Contestant Attends _____

Age ____ Date of Birth _____ Grade Level ____ Gender _____

Name of Sponsoring Organization _____

Name of Organization Contact Person _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Briefly List Equine Activities and Horsemanship Record _____

Briefly List School Activities _____

Other Activities (Community, Charity etc.) _____

Each Contestant agrees to accept as final, the decision of the judges in selecting the New Jersey Youth Horseperson of the Year. I (we) have read and agree to abide by the rules and conditions of this contest.

Contestant Signature _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian (if under 18) _____

Date _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I _____ agree to allow the New Jersey Department of Agriculture / New Jersey Equine Advisory Board to use any and all photographs taken of me at various functions for the promotion, for the year that I reign as Youth Horseperson of the Year as well as any and all years after my reign.

Print Name

Signature

Signature of Parent if under 18

Date