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### **National Western Stock Show Announces Return of Youth Equestrian Showcase Scholarship Program**

Denver, CO. - The National Western Stock Show, in partnership with the National Western Scholarship Trust, is pleased to announce the return of the *Youth Equestrian Showcase (Y.E.S.)* scholarship program. *Y.E.S.* has been created to recognize and support our local equestrian youth and involve them in the educational opportunities of the NWSS. Scholarship money from the National Western Scholarship Trust will be awarded to Colorado and Wyoming youth (ages 14-21) involved in the equine industry.

Each participant will submit an eligibility application which will include questions relating to the youth's involvement in the equine industry, a plan for an educational visual display and a description of a goal they plan to accomplish with their horse, mule or pony. Applications will be accepted from August 15, 2017-September 30, 2017.

Ten outstanding finalists will be selected from the applications to compete for the *Y.E.S.* scholarships and the title of Grand Champion (receives \$2,000) and Reserve Grand Champion (receives \$1,000). These finalists will create a video to play as part of their live interview, execute their plan for an educational visual display during NWSS and interact with the public in an educational setting during NWSS. They will be judged on involvement in the equine industry, creative content/goal accomplishment in the video, educational visual display plan and execution and their live interview. *Y.E.S.* finalists will be recognized during the Draft Horse, Mule & Donkey Show, Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Events Center and the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named.

Visit the Horse Show page on the NWSS website for more information and application materials:  
<http://www.nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/>

Grounds admission and event tickets for the 2018 National Western Stock Show go on sale this fall and will be available at [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com) and all King Soopers locations.

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#### **About the National Western Stock Show**

Approaching the 112th year, the National Western Stock Show is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization that provides college and graduate level scholarships in agriculture and medicine for practice in rural areas. It is also our mission to serve producers and consumers throughout the world by being the premier Stock Show, Rodeo, Horse Show and center for year-round events. The 16-day show also serves as an entertainment arena, hosting one of the world's richest regular season professional rodeos, largest horse show and Colorado's largest western trade show. For more information, visit [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com).