



## **Youth Freestyle Reining Showcase Program Specifications**

The National Western Stock Show Youth Freestyle Reining Showcase has been created to provide youth within the equine industry an opportunity to showcase their talents in Freestyle Reining and be recognized during a prestigious event at the National Western Stock Show. Applications will be accepted through the website until September 30, 2019. **Please read the specifications below carefully BEFORE submitting an application. By signing and submitting an application, you agree to all the specifications.**

1. To be eligible, you must:
  - a. Be a Colorado or Wyoming resident
  - b. Be between the ages of 14-21 as of September 30, 2019, inclusive.
  - c. Be a current member of NRHA
  - d. Have a horse with an NRHA license
  - e. Possess potential in freestyle reining
  - f. Have not ridden in the previous year's Youth Freestyle Reining Showcase
  
2. Interested youth will need to submit a completed application and a video showing the horse/rider pair's potential for a freestyle reining performance.
  - a. The video should be submitted via a link on the application (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) and be between three-five minutes.
  
3. Completed applications will be accepted through the website until September 30, 2019 11:59 p.m. MST.
  - a. Visit [www.nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/horse-exhibitors](http://www.nationalwestern.com/horse-shows/horse-exhibitors) for the application link.
  
4. Applications will be reviewed and up to three (3) outstanding individuals will be selected to participate and notified no later than November 1, 2019.
  - a. Selections will be based on:
    - i. Quality
    - ii. Talent
    - iii. Creativity
    - iv. Entertainment
  
5. Logistics
  - a. By submitting an application, interested youth agree to abide by National Western Stock Show Horse Show Rules & Regulations as well as the NRHA Rule Book.
  - b. Selected youth will perform their freestyle reining routine prior to the \$25,000 RAM Invitational Freestyle Reining on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

- c. Selected youth will use a RAM truck as a stationary prop in their routine.
  - d. Routines should follow NRHA freestyle reining guidelines and be entertaining with creative elements including, but not limited to, music, lights, props, costumes.
  - e. Music for each routine will be limited to three (3) minutes in length.
  - f. Selected youth will be required to attend a rider's meeting and rehearsal on Saturday, January 11, 2020 to practice with the NWSS production team.
  - g. Interested youth may, and are encouraged to, complete an application for both the Youth Freestyle Reining Showcase and the \$25,000 RAM Invitational Freestyle Reining. The \$25,000 RAM Invitational Freestyle Reining will take precedence in selections unless otherwise noted.
  - h. Rider may not compete in both the \$25,000 RAM Invitational Freestyle Reining and the Youth Freestyle Reining Showcase in the same year.
6. Please call or email the NWSS Horse Show Department with questions: 303-299-5525 or [horse@nationalwestern.com](mailto:horse@nationalwestern.com)