

2017 Ocean County 4-H Equestrian of the Year Contest

May 2nd, 2017 6:00pm

Barnegat Recreation Center
900 W Bay Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005

General Contest Rules

1. All EOY applications are due to the Ocean County 4-H Office by **APRIL 18th, 2017**.
2. All applicants must follow the NJ 4-H State EOY Rules and Guidelines (see attached packet).
3. Ocean County 4-H members may only hold Ocean County 4-H EOY 2 times as a Junior (Grades 5-8) and 2 times as a Senior (Grades 10-12). The 9th grade year is not included.
4. To show their dedication to horses, the 4-H member must have participated in at least one of the following during the current 4-H Year to be eligible for Ocean County 4-H EOY:
 - State Equine Presentation
 - Hippology
 - Horse Judging
 - Horse Bowl
 - Equine Art Show

Junior Competitors (Grades 5-8 as of Sept 2016)

1. Must have participated in an Ocean County 4-H or NJ 4-H State Public Presentation Event during the current 4-H year.

Senior Competitors (Grades 9-12 as of Sept 2016)

1. Must have given at least one (1) State 4-H Equine or State Public Presentation within the last three years (2015 2016, 2017).
2. Winner will have to be available for the NJ 4-H State EOY contest being held August 12, 2017.
3. The Senior winner of Ocean County 4-H EOY will have their resume forwarded to the state and fees will be paid by the Ocean County 4-H Horse Leaders Association.
4. Any winner in 9th grade is ineligible for state competition (per NJ 4-H EOY Rules and Guidelines). The 1st runner up (if a 10-12 grader) may be granted the opportunity to be sent as the Ocean County 4-H representative to the NJ 4-H State Equestrian of the Year Contest (if so directed by the Ocean County 4-H Office).

Ocean County 4-H EOY Application Instructions

1. Review all the rules and regulations
2. Complete the 2017 NJ 4-H Equestrian of the Year Entry Form and Resume.
Feel free to contact the Ocean County 4-H Office with any questions on the resume
3. Submit your Entry Form and Resume to the Ocean County 4-H Office by APRIL 18th, 2017
1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, NJ 08755 732-349-1227 goldmanu@njaes.rutgers.edu
4. Prepare a 4 to 6 minute talk on the following topic:
“How has human history been influenced by the domestication of horses?”

Roles and Responsibilities of Ocean County 4-H EOY Winners (both Jr & Sr)
During the Year of Their Reign

1. Will co-host two events: One at the Ocean County Fair that the public can view, such as running "Fun Day". The other should be an educational, fundraising or social event involving horse and/or all clubs, working together and enlisting help from Ocean County 4-H EOY runners-up if needed.
2. Must attend all qualifying shows. (Showing or working the day). If unable to fulfill this responsibility, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the President of the Ocean County 4-H Horse Leaders Association prior to show day.
3. At the Ocean County Fair, both EOYs must enter at least 1 project under the General Tent, and at least 1 project Board in the Educational stall in the Horse Tent. (You do not have to show a horse at the Fair).
4. Must be in proper attire, and attend the Ocean County Fair for Passing of Sash.
5. Should try to attend as many county events and award events as possible, such as:
Pineland Jamboree, Fall Forestry Fest, Petoberfest, End of Year Awards Program, Club Officer Meeting, County Animalology, County Presentation Nights, Winter Camps, County Horse Banquet, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Family Fair Meeting, Fair Set Up Day, etc.
ALWAYS wearing your Sash!
6. Will help present horse awards at the End of the Year Awards Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 18th, 2017



2017 NEW JERSEY STATE 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR FACT SHEET

- WHEN:** Competition Phase – August 12, 2017
Awards Presentation – August 25, 2017
- WHERE:** RCE of Monmouth County
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, New Jersey
- START TIME:** Individual interviews will begin at 9:30 a.m. *
Stage presentations will follow completion of all individual interviews
- OPEN TO:** 4-H horse project members in grades 10 – 12 in good standing
- ENTRIES DUE:** All application materials will be available on the 4-H state website. Questions may be directed to Linda Horner, 4-H Program Associate, RCE of Cape May County, at lhorer@co.cape-may.nj.us or 609-465-5115, ext. 606. County offices are asked to inform Linda Horner of their county contest winners' names and contact information after the completion of their contests.
- Entries must be postmarked between June 12 and 23, 2017. Send signed originals Candy Church. Faxed copies will NOT be accepted. Signed event permission form and \$30.00 entry fee **must accompany** entry form, resume, and story.
- MAIL ENTRIES TO:** State 4-H Equestrian of the Year Contest
c/o Candy Church
90 Goldfinch Drive
Hackettstown, NJ 07840-3022
- QUESTIONS:** Candy Church or Linda Horner
(908) 684-5502 (609) 465-5115, ext. 606
- ENTRY FEE:** \$30.00 per contestant (to be sent with application)
- CHECKS:** Make check payable to: **“SC 4-H Advisory Council.”**
- AWARDS:** To be presented during 2017 NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show opening ceremonies, Friday, August 25, 2017.
- RULES, ENTRY, JUDGING:** See attached
- FOOD:** Soda machine available, bring lunch

* Start time may vary due to number of candidates.

NEW JERSEY STATE 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

The Equestrian of the Year contest is an ambassador program which encourages 4-H'ers to become well-rounded individuals with a comprehensive background in the horse field. Emphasis is placed on participation in the educational equine events such as Horse Bowl, Horse Judging and Hippology; public speaking skills through county, state and the Equine Presentation contests; county-level teen leadership programs; community service projects; and other equine related activities.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

As the ambassador of the NJ 4-H Horse Program, responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- One year term
- Initiative to run and organize projects
- Ability to get to functions (have transportation)
- Attend and assist at next Equestrian of the Year competition
- Be available to attend county award programs (talk or present awards) or other significant events
- Serve as youth rep on Horse Project Advisory Council (HPAC)
- Coordinate necessary responsibilities for runners-up
- Represent the NJ 4-H Horse Program in the NJ Dept of Ag./Equine Advisory Board Equestrian of the Year Contest; **MAY NOT REPRESENT ANY OTHER GROUPS**
- Pass title on to next incoming Equestrian of the Year
- Serve as advisor to next incoming Equestrian of the Year

1st Runner-Up

- Assist Equestrian of the Year as directed
- Attend functions in the capacity of Equestrian of the Year if so directed
- Represent 4-H in NJ Dept of Ag./Equine Advisory Board Equestrian of the Year Contest if Equestrian of the Year is ineligible or unable to attend

2nd Runner-Up

- Assist Equestrian of the Year as directed
- Attend functions in the capacity of Equestrian of the Year if so directed

3rd Runner-Up

- Assist Equestrian of the Year as directed
- Attend functions in the capacity of Equestrian of the Year if so directed

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All counties are invited to enter one (1) candidate in the NJ State 4-H Equestrian of the Year Competition. County offices are asked to inform Linda Horner, state contest co-chair, of their county contest winners' names and contact information after the completion of their contests. Candidate must be aware of the required responsibilities and time commitments involved with the acceptance of the titles Equestrian of the Year, 1st, 2nd & 3rd runners-up.
2. Candidates must have been enrolled in a New Jersey 4-H Horse, Horse Science or Model Horse project during the current year in the county they are representing and be a club "Member In Good Standing," with an up-to-date record book as of August 1 of the current year. Record books are to be checked on a county level.

3. Candidate is enrolled in grade 10 - 12 as of September 2016.
4. Candidate has given at least one (1) State 4-H Equine or State Public Presentation within the last three years (2015, 2016, 2017). *Candidate is automatically disqualified if presentation criterion is not met.*
5. Entry forms and application instructions are available on the state 4-H Web site, at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/equestrianoftheyear/.
6. Entries must be postmarked between June 13 and 23, 2017. They must be accompanied by an entry fee of \$30.00. Checks should be made payable to "SC 4-H Advisory Council." No additions may be made to resume after June 23rd. Original entry form, resume, story, and event permission form must be sent to Candy Church, 90 Goldfinch Drive, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-3022. Do not fold the application.
7. *A completed 4-H event permission form must accompany all entries. Entries submitted without this form will not be accepted.*
8. The winner of the state contest will represent the 4-H Horse Program in the NJDA/EAB equestrian contest if he or she meets the following criteria set by that contest:
 - A. Is between the ages of 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2018.
 - B. Is a resident of the State of New Jersey.
 If the state 4-H winner does not meet the NJDA/EAB criteria, the 1st runner-up will represent 4-H in the NJDA/EAB contest. These criteria will apply down the line to all runners-up. If none of the runners-up qualify, then 4-H will not have representation in the contest.
9. Award to the winner and ribbons to all participants.

EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

1. **Written Resume & 4-H Story** - Judges will be sent contestant's resume and story before the contest for review. RESUMES MUST BE DONE ON A COMPUTER USING THE CURRENT RESUME TEMPLATE. (Please, no fancy font or font smaller than size 10). Five points will be deducted from general instruction category if not computer generated or typed. No extra pages. Use bullet points and/or columns if additional space is needed.
2. The **Individual Interview** will be a maximum of 15 minutes per contestant. Each judge will ask one question and the contestant can reply with a short 2 to 3 minute answer. The judges will then be given 5 minutes to score and make comments on their sheets. Spectators are not permitted during the Individual Interview. Contestants will be notified of their interview time.
3. In the **Stage Presentation**, each contestant will give a **4 to 6 minute talk** on the following topic:

“How has human history been influenced by the domestication of horses?”

4. No use of visual aids will be allowed. Two (2) points will be deducted from the score for each minute or part of a minute a presentation is under four (4) minutes in length or over six (6) minutes in length. Contestants with presentations over 7 minutes in length will be interrupted.
5. After the presentation, each contestant will answer one impromptu question. The impromptu question will be horse, horse industry or 4-H related. The answer to the question should be 2 to 3 minutes in length. The maximum amount of time for each contestant in the stage presentation phase is 10 minutes. Another 5 minutes will be allotted for the judges to mark their score sheets, make comments, and for the next contestant to get ready on stage. The stage presentation phase is open to the public.
6. Competitors may wear riding or business attire for both the individual interviews and the stage presentation. At the awards presentation on August 25, 2017 during opening ceremonies of the NJ State 4-H Championship Horse Show, contestants are to be suitably attired, similar to what was worn during the competition on August 12th. Equestrian of the Year participants riding in the Mounted Drill Team Exhibition may wear their drill team attire. **CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR COUNTY SASHES, MEDALS, ETC. AT BOTH PHASES OF THE CONTEST.**
7. Exceeding the time limits in any phase of the competition will result in a two (2) point penalty per minute or part of. Refer to rule #4 above.
8. Each judge will evaluate every contestant separately. The scores from the judges will be added together and divided by the number of judges to give a final average score for each contestant. There will be a minimum of three (3) judges.

2017 NEW JERSEY 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR
Entry Form

County: _____

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade as of September 2016: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ I verify that the above 4-H'er is a "Member in Good Standing" and meets the criteria for the above event.

_____ I verify that this is a complete packet, including:

- _____ Entry Form
- _____ Resume
- _____ Story
- _____ Event Permission Form
- _____ \$30 Entry Fee Made Payable to SC 4-H Advisory Council

4-H Agent/Program Associate Signature

Date

Print Name

Telephone & Email Address

Attach the completed and signed event permission form, the entry fee of \$30.00, and the original resume and story to this entry form, and send to the address below. Entries must be postmarked between June 12 and 23, 2017. Checks are to be made out to the SC 4-H Advisory Council. The 2017 contest date is Saturday, August 12, 2017.

State Equestrian of the Year Contest
c/o Candy Church
90 Goldfinch Drive
Hackettstown, NJ 07840-3022

NOTE: No faxed copies will be accepted.

2017 RESUME NEW JERSEY 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR

DO NOT ADD PAGES TO THIS FORM OR DELETE ANY SECTIONS

Use bullet points and be specific with dates and number of times.

Name of 4-H Club(s):		County:	
Name:	E-Mail Address:		
Address:	Town:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Years in 4-H Horse Program:	Grade:	Date of Birth: MM/DD/YR

4-H HORSE ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN (Give years participated in, i.e. 2015; 2016; 2017)
<p><i>Horse Bowl</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p> <p>National 4-H Round-Up:</p>
<p><i>Judging</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p> <p>National 4-H Round-Up:</p>
<p><i>Hippology</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p> <p>National 4-H Round-Up:</p>
<p><i>Equine Presentation Contest</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p> <p>National 4-H Round-Up:</p> <p><u>Year & Title</u> of Most Recent State Equine Presentation or State Public Presentation:</p>
<p><i>Equestrian of the Year</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p>
<p><i>Model Horse Show</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p>
<p><i>Equine Art Show</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p>
<p><i>Trail Ride</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p>
<p><i>Horse Project Teen Council</i> County:</p> <p>State:</p>
<p><i>State Horse Show</i> English:</p> <p>Dressage:</p> <p>Driving:</p> <p>Western:</p> <p>Games:</p>

National 4-H Events Leadership Washington Focus:

Citizen Washington Focus:

National 4-H Congress:

National 4-H Conference:

CLUB INVOLVEMENT:

4-H ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION AWARDS: (i.e. county medals, & other significant awards – do not include Horse Show class placings or placings from contests such as Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, etc.)

HORSE ACTIVITIES UNRELATED TO 4-H: (Organizations & Breed Groups – do not include class placings from horse shows or events /contests)

COUNTY/STATE NON-HORSE 4-H ACTIVITIES: (i.e. 4-H teen council, camp, other county/state events)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & HOBBIES: (i.e. school, sports, church)

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (4-H & Other)

Signature of Candidate

Date

_____ (*Initial Here*) I HAVE INCLUDED A SIGNED 4-H EVENT PERMISSION AND CODE OF CONDUCT FORM WITH THIS APPLICATION.