



SWBA Youth Representative Contest

Representative responsibilities:

- Lead and motivate youth members
- Solicit gift items for the following year's Youth Representative
- Become familiar with the ABRA rule book
- Attend a minimum of one (1) SWBA Board meeting
- Introduce incoming Representative at June SWBA Show

Representative requirements:

- Contestants must have been a member the preceding year, as well as a current member in good standing with SWBA.
- Have never been married.
- Must be at least 14 years old, but not more than 18 years old on or before 12/31 of the year competing.
- Contestants or immediate family must own a rideable 2-year-old or older horse that is not a stallion. (The horse is not required to be Buckskin.)
- Each contestant must submit a short resume, to include experience in the horse field, along with their photograph. It must be understood that all responsibilities will be fulfilled, and done so in a responsible manner. Resume should highlight candidate's experience and ability in all areas of representative position responsibility.

Representative selection: *Up to 20 points on resume*

Resumes must be submitted by January 30th of the current year running. Board will be informed of candidates at Spring meeting. Current Youth Representative will introduce candidates at lunch on Sundays show. Resumes will be evaluated by Youth Representative Selection Committee members. Criteria for evaluation as follows:

1. Horse Experience – 1-5 pts
2. Youth leadership experience - 1-5 pts
3. Experience in areas of other responsibilities - 1-5 pts
4. Grammar, spelling & overall appearance of resume – 1-5 pts

Up to 20 points on sportsmanship

Up to 20 points will be awarded by the SWBA Youth Advisor(s).

Up to 20 points on a horsemanship/equitation pattern

Ride will be completed and judged at the June show. Judges will be provided with evaluation forms to complete, sign and turn into Youth Representative Selection Committee Chair. Average total score will determine candidate's final scores.

Up to 20 points on participation at the shows

2 points per show given for participation in a minimum of one class

Up to 20 points on the interview with the board

Board members will be given an evaluation form to be completed, signed and returned to designated committee member. Evaluation criteria:

1. Related experience - 1-5 points
2. Public speaking skills - 1-5 points
3. Personal presentation - 1-5 points
4. Knowledge of ABRA rule book — 1-5 points

Candidate's final scores will be determined by average total score.

Total possible: 100 points

Score summary sheets will be presented and reviewed at the Fall board meeting for selection approval.

Resumes, evaluation forms, tally sheets and all pertinent notes will be submitted to the SWBA Board Secretary at the end of each year for archiving/storage.