

# APPALOOSA YOUTH ASSOCIATION SPEECH CONTEST

This contest is to be held in conjunction with the World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show.

## CONTEST INFORMATION:

**Entry Fee:** There is no charge to participate.

**Age Divisions:** For each topic division, speakers will be divided and judged within their age division. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. The age divisions are: 13 & Under and 14-18.

**Topic Divisions:** There will be two speech divisions available and youth may choose to enter more than one division.

### **Age: 14-18**

**Division I:** Specific Topical Speech (*Topic for 2009: In this day and age where the horse industry is facing a lot of challenges, what can you do to help?*)

**Division II:** Impromptu Speech (*To be announced prior to speech*)

### **Age: 13 & Under**

**Division I:** Specific Topical Speech (*Topic for 2009: Why is the Appaloosa your breed of choice?*)

**Division II:** Impromptu Speech

**Judging:** Each speech will be judged by a panel of three qualified judges. Judges will be allowed to ask some questions immediately following the presentation. Judges will look for knowledge, organization, research, creativity, and presentation of speech material.

## GUIDELINES AND RULES:

### DIVISION I:

1. Contestants for Division I will be provided the topic of their speech on an attached sheet. This topic may change from year to year.
2. Visual aids may be used but should be suitable to topic of speech and must be provided by the contestant. Any audio/visual aids must be approved by Youth Coordinator at the time contest entry is received in ApHC office.
3. Time limit for the speech is five minutes and will be strictly enforced.

### DIVISION II:

1. Contestants for Division II will be asked to remain in "sound proof" room until time for their speech.

2. Each contestant will be called out in their speech order and given the topic to speak on. Contestants will be given 30 seconds (timed) to gather their thoughts and develop their speech.
3. Time limit for the speech is three minutes and will be strictly enforced.

### **CONTEST AWARDS:**

#### **Division I Winner (13 & Under):**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The winner will receive \$250, a gold neck medallion, and coverage in *Appaloosa Journal*.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The second place contestant will receive a gold neck medallion.

#### **Division I Winner (14-18):**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The winner will receive \$250, a gold neck medallion, and coverage in *Appaloosa Journal*.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The second place contestant will receive a gold neck medallion.

#### **Division II Winner (13 & Under):**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The winner will receive \$250, a gold neck medallion, and coverage in *Appaloosa Journal*.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The second place contestant will receive a gold neck medallion.

#### **Division II Winner (14-18):**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The winner will receive \$250, a gold neck medallion, and coverage in *Appaloosa Journal*.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The second place contestant will receive a gold neck medallion.

\*\*\* All entrants will receive an award for participation.

\*\*\* In the event that there are not at least five contestants in each division, the divisions may be combined and one scholarship given.