

2018 NEW JERSEY 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR CONTEST CHECKLIST

- ___ Candidate has received and read the rules, regulations and requirements for the contest.
- ___ Candidate meets the criteria for the contest and is a “Member in Good Standing.”
- ___ Candidate is aware that the contest phase will take place on August 11, 2018.
- ___ Candidate has typed the resume or used a computer.
- ___ Do not add pages or delete any part of the application.
- ___ Candidate has filled out and signed the 4-H event permission form for youth. Parent or guardian signature also required. **This completed form must accompany the application.**
- ___ Entry form signed by 4-H Agent/Program Associate.
- ___ \$30.00 entry fee included. (Checks made out to: SC 4-H Advisory Council)
- ___ Please do not fold the application.
- ___ **Entry form, resume and story, entry fee, permission form** mailed to:
State Equestrian of the Year Contest
c/o Candy Church
90 Goldfinch Drive
Hackettstown NJ 07840-3022
- ___ **Entry postmarked between June 11 and 22, 2018. Incomplete applications without signed permission forms and payment will NOT be accepted.** Faxed copies will not be accepted.

Questions, call Candy Church (908-684-5502) or Linda Horner (609-465-5115 ext. 3606) prior to Friday, August 10, 2018.

2018 NEW JERSEY STATE 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR FACT SHEET

- WHEN:** Competition Phase – August 11, 2018
Awards Presentation – August 24, 2018
- 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 lhorne@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.
- Entry must be postmarked between June 11 and 22, 2018. Incomplete applications without signed permission forms and \$30.00 entry fee will NOT be accepted. Send signed originals to Candy Church. Faxed copies not accepted.
- MAIL ENTRIES TO:** State 4-H Equestrian of the Year Contest
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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 24, 2018.
- 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 2017.
4. Candidate has given at least one (1) State 4-H Equine or State Public Presentation within the last three years (2016, 2017, 2018). *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 11 and 22, 2018. 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 22nd. Original entry form, resume, story, and event permission form must be sent to Candy Church, 90 Goldfinch Drive, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-3022. Incomplete applications without signed permission forms and payment will NOT be accepted. Do not fold the application.
7. *A completed and signed 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 instead of written narrative.
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:

"As numbers of enrollment drop in most NJ 4-H project areas including horse projects, describe suspected issues that prevent people from enrolling. Propose several ways to resolve those issues to increase 4-H enrollment."

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 24, 2018 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 11th. 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.

2018 4-H STORY

Your 4-H Story should give a brief history of your career in the 4-H horse program, your goals and major accomplishments, and an explanation of why you desire to be a NJ 4-H Equestrian of the Year. Limit to two pages, double spaced. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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Instructions for NJ 4-H Equestrian of the Year Contest Computerized Application

Dear 2018 NJ State 4-H Equestrian of the Year Candidate,

The NJ State 4-H Equestrian of the Year entry form and resume are Adobe PDF fillable documents that you may type into right on your computer. Open the documents and move from field to field by using your “tab” key.

You must have the Adobe Reader program for these documents to work. If you don't have it, which would be unusual, you can download for free from the internet. Simply google Adobe Reader.

The “Story” is a regular WORD document. You will need the “MICROSOFT WORD” word processing software program for these documents to work. Type normally and please type your name at the top of your story. Don't forget to double space your story.

MAKE SURE YOU SAVE YOUR CHANGES IN ALL DOCUMENTS!

Don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you need help with your application.

Good luck,
Linda Horner
State EoY Co-Chair
609-465-5115, ext. 3606
lhorner@co.cape-may.nj.us

New Jersey 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth



Both sides of this form must be completed by all youth participating in overnight activities, field trips, events requiring group transportation, and any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program where it is deemed necessary by the event coordinator(s) (paid 4-H staff and/or registered 4-H volunteer) responsible for the youth participants. The form should be submitted prior to the event. The form has five parts: (1) information about the participant and activity, (2) parental permission and liability release, (3) medical emergency authorization and health information, and (4) code of conduct and (5) media policy. *Be sure to complete all five parts and sign where requested!*

Information about the Youth Participant and Activity

Name of Youth participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____

4-H county: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Name of activity/event: _____

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: _____

Location of event: _____

Date and time of participation of individual named above: _____

Parent Permission and Release of Liability

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its event coordinator(s) will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

Sign Here

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

I authorize the event coordinator(s) to dispense the prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications listed below in accordance with the instructions provided on the label (prescription drugs) or below (over-the-counter medications). In case of sudden illness or an accident to the above named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the event coordinator(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the health and physical well-being of the above named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name of parent/guardian	Phone number	Name of additional emergency contact	Phone number

The following information is provided as an aid to the event coordinator(s) in dealing with the well-being of the participant. The participant has the following health conditions: (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.).

Health conditions: _____

Medications/Instructions: _____

Health Insurance: Company Group# _____ ID# _____

Sign Here

Signature of parent or guardian _____

New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct



The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

- **Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.**
- **Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.**
- **Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.**
- **Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.**
- **Obey local, state and federal laws.**

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program.

	_____	_____
	Signature of participant in event	Date
	_____	_____
	Signature of parent or guardian	Date

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release

The 4-H program routinely promotes activities through various media. This includes, but is not limited to newsletters, newspapers, brochures, and displays. In doing so, the names and photos of members may be included to help tell the 4-H story. However, New Jersey 4-H policy is that on web sites, youth in photos will not be identified by name(s).

- No, do not use my individual picture for any purpose.** I will make an effort to avoid opportunities to be in group photos.
- No, do not use my name for any purpose.**

Revised: January 2013

2018 NEW JERSEY 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR
Entry Form

County: _____

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade as of September 2017: _____

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 11 and 22, 2018. Checks are to be made out to the SC 4-H Advisory Council. The 2018 contest date is Saturday, August 11, 2018.

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Hackettstown, NJ 07840-3022

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be accepted. No faxed copies will be accepted.

2018 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. 2016; 2017; 2018)

<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 of Most Recent State Equine Presentation or State Public Presentation:</u></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.



NJ STATE 4-H EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR



Contestant Name _____ Year _____ County _____

PART I – WRITTEN RECORD	MAX PTS	SCORE	COMMENTS
General Instructions: followed instructions & met all requirements, neatness, spelling and grammar correct	6 Pts.		
4-H Record <i>Well Rounded</i>	20 Pts.		
Participant of one or more national 4-H event: 4-H Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus or Congress earns 2 points per event. 4-H Horse Round-up earns 2 points per year of participation. Scheduled participation in one or more national events in the current year earns one point per event. (14 points maximum)	14 Pts.		
Leadership Skills Demonstrated <i>Served on committees, ran clinics, club officer</i>	20 Pts.		
Horse Activity <i>Showing not to be weighted more heavily</i>	20 Pts.		
Project Story: Personal development indicated, spelling and grammar correct, limited to two pages, double-spaced	20 Pts.		
WRITTEN RECORD TOTAL	100 Pts.		

SCORE	
PART I	
PART II	
PART III	
GRAND TOTAL	

Judge's Signature _____

Judge's Name _____

PART II – INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS	MAX PTS	SCORE	COMMENTS
One-on-One Speaking Ability	25 Pts.		
Personality <i>Enthusiastic, outgoing, persuasive</i>	25 Pts.		
4-H and/or Horse Knowledge <i>Broad and accurate</i>	25 Pts.		
Appearance and Poise <i>Appropriate to the task</i>	25 Pts.		
INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS TOTAL	100 Pts.		

PART III – STAGE PRESENTATION			Comments
Appearance & Poise	10 Pts.		
Speaking Ability & Delivery <i>Creativity, personality & eye contact</i>	30 Pts.		
Knowledge of Horse Industry and/or 4-H	20 Pts.		
Content of Presentation <i>Originality, creativity, accuracy</i>	20 Pts.		
Response to Question (20 Pts Total)			
Poise	5 Pts.		
Speaking Ability & Delivery	10 Pts.		
Content	5 Pts.		
Time Penalty – <i>Deduct 2 points for each minute or part of minute presentation is under four (4) or over six (6) minutes</i>		-	
STAGE PRESENTATION TOTAL	100 Pts.		

New Jersey 4-H Equestrian Application- 4-H Story

Your 4-H Story should give a brief history of your career in the 4-H Horse Program, your goals and major accomplishments and include an explanation of why you desire to be a NJ 4H Equestrian of the Year. You are limited to TWO pages of text double spaced.

Name:

Story

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