

# **Catherine de la Cruz Memorial**

## **Junior Creative Writing Award & Scholarship**

The purpose of this award is to provide participants with an opportunity to express themselves about the impact of horses and NATRC. And to encourage the development of excellence in the field of written expression.

Region 1 reserves the right to publish or duplicate this essay.

### **Rules:**

The author must be a Region 1 member (Family membership is ok) under the age of 18 but does not have to be an active rider.

Must be an original essay written by the author with minimal assistance.

Must be typed and double spaced in 12 pt font and be between 800 and 1000 words.

Entries are limited to 1 essay per junior per year.

The topic should be related from the writer's personal experience and should pertain to NATRC but is not limited to competition- it can be from experience at home or volunteering.

### **Judging Criteria**

Originality, creativity and conciseness

Correct grammar and spelling

Pertains to the subject

Holds the reader's attention

Have clear and supporting details

Pluses given for entertainment value

### **Entry Submission**

Entries are due December 15th and winners will be prior to but awarded at the Regional Convention.

On a separate page entrants must provide a brief self-biography. The writer's name, address, email address and telephone number along with their association to NATRC

Email the entry and bio to [angie.whitedogranch@gmail.com](mailto:angie.whitedogranch@gmail.com)