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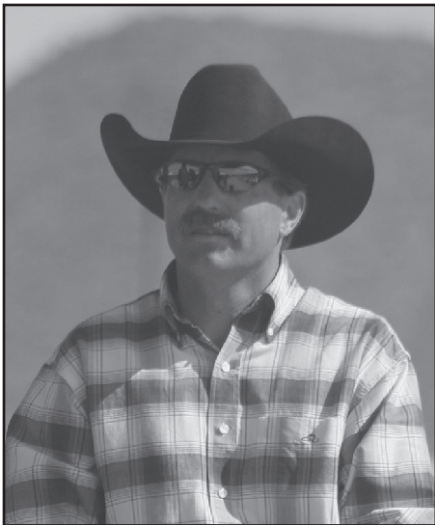
NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2008

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www.aharegion8.com or www.aharegion8.org

Hello from the Region 8 Director

I apologize for the length of this message, but right now, there is a lot at stake at the Arabian Horse Association.



Jim Hitt, Region 8 Director

I had put off this newsletter until after the March meeting of the AHA Board of Directors, because there were/are many issues that had arisen since the November Convention in Tulsa, OK. It was my thought that rehashing old news from the convention was of no great benefit to the membership, and that I might become enlightened at the Board meeting as to how some of the

more current issues had come to be. Well, here I sit trying to figure out what to tell you. I am not sure I am that much more enlightened following the meeting as I was prior to it. It was a productive Board meeting in ways. I believe that your Board of Directors is, at least in lip service, more on the same page than what I might have thought. It is very apparent that our Association is at best at a crossroads where things have to really change, or its survival may become very questionable. Several of us (directors) were concerned that many of the issues we needed to address would be either downplayed or ignored. In part through the agenda request of Region 7 Director Terry Andreason most everything was at least out on the table for some level of discussion. The Board spent over four hours in closed session discussing a number of issues, which I term as doing a fairly good job of 'airing our dirty laundry.' The frustrating part of this process for me is that we really did not come to any great resolution to many of these issues. In part this was due to time, given that it would have taken days or even weeks to design, accept and implement the changes necessary to change how we got to where we are. Even more frustrating, is that as a Board of Directors, we spent many hours last year (and money on studies), both in and out of the board meetings on Governance. I believe I had addressed

this in at least one newsletter last year. In the end, we basically didn't change much of anything. We set ourselves up for 'more of the same' which is obviously not working. Our organization from top to bottom needs changed in order to operate and function more efficiently. Do the problems lie with staff, do they lie with the Board of Directors, do they lie with the Executive Board, do they lie within our committee and delegate structure. To some level all of the above deserve some of the blame. Much of our staff do not even have proper job descriptions, and the general parameters of authority from top to bottom simply do not exist. The positive aspect of all

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What's Going On in Your State?

What's New In Colorado

The CAHC Spring Show is coming up May 9-11, 2008. Liz Wheeler is the Show Manager. Judy Kibler will Judge Rail Classes and Carole O'Brian will judge Sport Horse Classes.

CAHC will host a "School & Fool" one day show at the National Western Events Center April 22, 2008 from 12:00 noon to 8:00pm. We will have Reining & Rail Classes. See the CAHC website for more details.

Premium Books are on-line this year. Premium Books and entry blanks for ALL CAHC Shows will have individual downloads available at: www.cahc.info. If you cannot access the internet to download the show premiums or entry blanks, you can contact the show secretary, Jo Anne Read at 303 648-3261. She will print a premium book and mail it to you. We look forward to seeing you at the CAHC Spring Show in May!



Thanks! Michael Troxler, CAHC President

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What's New In Kansas

2008 KAHS Sunflower Shows I & II

KS Coliseum Wichita, KS

Show dates April the 10th thru the 13th, 2008.
Please mark your calendars. More details will follow..

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What's New In New Mexico

Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico
Upcoming 2008 Events.

April 11 13 Alamogordo Trinity All Arabian Show
Contact Mark or Patricia Mulholland (505) 336-4345
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May 8 11 Zia Classic I & II Expo New Mexico
Contact Susan Claycamp (505) 246-4724
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June 22 AHANM Training Show Expo New Mexico
Contact Marvin Solsrud (505)-321-4711
Jim Porcher (505) 867-8344

July 26 thru Aug 6 AHA Youth Nationals
Expo New Mexico
Contact AHA (303) 696-4500

For further information and future shows
please visit our web site at:
www.nmarab.com

What's New In Nebraska

The Arabian Horse Association of Nebraska proudly
presents the 8th Annual Great Plains Arabian Classic Show I ~
May 15 & 16, Show II ~ May 17 & 18, 2008.

Our show is held at the Lancaster Event Center in
Lincoln, NE. This is an exclusive show facility in the fact that it
is all under one roof. Stalling barns, warm-up arena's, main
arena, show office and concessions.

This is a Region 8 Qualifying show that will offer plenty of
Amateur and Youth classes. Again, this year, we will have
National Show Horse classes in both shows.

Judge's for this show are Judith Kibler ~ Show I & Gene
Reichardt ~ Show II which are both U.S. Nationals Western
Judges.

New for 2008 is our electronic premium book. The
premium book is on line at our website. Just go to
www.ahanebraska.com and you will find the show

information on the home page or in the calendar of events
under the month of May. Premium books WILL NOT be
mailed this year unless you specifically request one. If anyone
needs a premium book mailed to them, please contact DeAnne
Allen at 402-540-1763 or email da63439@alltel.net

Once again this year we will allow the TBA classes to be
added to the show schedule at the regular class fee of \$15.
There is not an additional charge for a TBA class to be added,
but the only request is that you get your TBA classes added
early as they will be first come/first served.

Additional show information and any updates to the show
will be on the website.

Region 8 Youth

Hi Everyone!

There has been so much going on in the youth department.
First off, there are some new faces that you will be seeing a lot
of this year. Unfortunately, we are sad to say goodbye to
Sheryl McConnell our previous youth coordinator. Her great
work and guidance was greatly appreciated. With that said, I
would like to welcome our new youth coordinator, and my
mom, Janet Kaiser. Also, our new Vice-Director, Meredith
Kaiser, will be working with me this year on all of our youth
activities.

This year we are planning to have the same activities as
last year, for the 2008 Region VIII Championship Show. We
will be holding the Region VIII Youth Meeting. I urge everyone
to attend this meeting; we will be discussing a lot of important
things concerning Region VIII and Youth Nationals. Plus, we'll
have delicious food and drinks! The St. Jude Fundraiser will be
held in the Paddock at 3:00. There will be three fun classes,
and all benefits will go towards St. Jude Research Hospital.

We will be holding the Delegate Duck Toss. This is Region
VIII Youth's major fundraiser, so I ask everyone to try and
participate. Finally, we are holding the Region VIII
Championship Show High Point. Last year we only had 12
participants, so let's try to raise up the competition and have
more people participate.

I would like to congratulate the Region VIII Kansas
Kowgirls Team for the 2007 Region Youth Team Tournament
winners. For 2008 RYTT entries are due by May 1, 2008 to
Angela Mannick at the AHA offices

There are also openings on the Youth Board, so if anyone
is interested please let me know!

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NEW Region 8 Youth Coordinator

As we welcome in Spring I am happy to introduce myself to all
of our Youth in Region 8. My name is Janet Kaiser, Region 8
Youth Coordinator. I am excited about this year and all that
our Youth Director has planned for us at the Region 8 show.
My hope is that many of you will be coming to Denver for the
Region 8 Show in June. I would like to meet as many of you as

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possible. Please feel free to contact me at any of the following:
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Thank You Sheryl!

We would like to thank Sheryl McConnell for her years of service as the Region 8 youth coordinator. She guided our Region and our Youth very well undoubtedly spending countless hours. We would also like to welcome and thank Janet Kaiser for taking on the position as the new Region 8 youth coordinator. Our Youth are one of our most important assets to ensure the future of the Arabian breed and our Association, and without the help of our adult volunteers we would not have that future.

Thank You Eleanor!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eleanor Dunn for her years of service on the Resolutions and Agenda Committee for AHA. For as long as I can remember, she has not only been a part of this committee, but has acted as the very diligent chairperson of it. Her service on this committee and resignation from it was noted at the past Board of Directors meeting by the president, Myron Krause. Eleanor is another great example of the participation by Region 8 members on important national committees, commissions, etc. Thank you Eleanor!

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this, is that the organizational task force was charged with coming back to our May meeting with some real substantive changes. These changes include employee job descriptions and policies and another look at the overall structure of our whole organization. The latter is obviously the most difficult, as it may mean changes to real or perceived 'power' of positions from the average delegate to committee members and chairs to directors, and yes the Executive committee. I have real hope for what this task force will come back with, as it has some very good people on it such as Terry Andreason, C.A. Butler, Bill Hughes and others. The real issue is can we all suck it up, put aside our egos and any personal agendas and adopt what is likely a necessity.

Hopefully most of you received the AHA E-news that is Titled Presidents Bulletin - March 2008. President Myron Kraus expounds on many of the issues discussed at the March Board of Directors Meeting. I encourage you to read that if you have not. I'm sure it can still be found on the AHA web site.

A Few Good People Wanted

The nominating committee for AHA is currently starting their search for individuals considering running for the Nationally elected positions in our organization. We had two individuals from Region 8 that ran for executive positions this past year. Unfortunately, neither of them were successful in their efforts. We are grateful, that they hopefully at least made a statement that the status quo is not acceptable. If you have an interest in running for an office at the 2008 convention in November, please contact Mickey Aboussie the nomination committee chair at 214-697-2697.

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Summary of March 2008 Board of Directors Meeting

* AHA is working with USEF to gain more cooperation and try to save time and money for our exhibitors and shows. A joint task force of a combination of AHA and USEF representatives are to work on a number of initiatives.

* Treasurers report - Things do not look to great, we had been told there would be a near \$500,000 profit at the end of the fiscal year when we were at convention, and in reality it will be more like \$100,000. There were some problems with budgeted numbers etc.

* AHA is not taking part in the NAIS (National Animal Identification System)

* Memberships down slightly year to date, particularly youth memberships.

* Registrations are slightly up year to date for both purebreds and Half-Arabians.

* MDP report -Tail program on the Web.

• *PR Network is having conference calls and increasing communications*

• *Black Stallion Literacy Program is continuing to be funded*

• *Arabian Community Shows continue to be a success with 82 show in 2007*

• *Markel Insurance Company is a corporate sponsor for the ACS program at \$25,000 for 3 years*

• *Documentary for cable TV etc. in progress*

• *Youth focus will be on 4H and FFA*

• *Matching funds for clubs or Regions of up to \$500 for educational events and programs*

• *Arabian Horse Galleries at the Kentucky Horse Park is being funded by MDP, PAT and The Arabian Horse Owners Foundation.*

* Modern Arabian Horse Magazine won the Daniel Lethan award for excellence in media from USEF. Prior winners were NBC and Animal Planet.

* Youth - membership is decreasing. 90% of youth members show. There is currently minimal funding for the youth primarily due to budget issues. There has been \$12,000 donated specifically for Youth.

* National Endurance Ride to be held in Henryville Indiana on Oct 16th.

* Dale Harvel made a presentation to the board on the status of the Merger agreement which created AHA from the previous organizations of IAHA and the Arabian Horse Registry. In Dale's legal opinion (as council for AHA) the merger agreement has been fulfilled and that there should be no more "Us and Them" it should be just AHA. That the only part that has not been fully acted on would be the adoption of a new governance structure as recommended by at least two governance studies.

* Budget and Finance Committee -Chair Walter Brogan.

• *\$130,000 approximate profit, missed budget by nearly 3/4 of a million dollars*

• *Canadian Exchange rate for Canadian Nationals a near \$200,000 effect*

• *Irrational exuberance of magazine sales nearly \$600,000 off budget. (sales were well ahead of previous years)*

• *Have not raised association dues in a number of years and recommends doing so.*

• *Need to make some changes in National Show entry fees etc.*

* A new National Distance Commission was formed to oversee our National Competitive Trail and Endurance Rides

* AHA admission to WAHO, agreement signed into effect October 20th, 2007. WAHO will deal with and recognize the Purebred Registry of AHA for registrations in the US and Mexico. AHA will allow and register any horses within the WAHO stud books. This process has taken since 1997. It should ultimately be a profit center for AHA with the registrations of imported and exported horses.

* Four new National classes at US Purebred Western and Hunter Pleasure Maturities and Half-Arabian Western and Hunter Pleasure Maturities.

* New Halter Panel for US Nationals -judges - Bill Melendez, Terry Holmes, Rick Moser, Cindy Reich, Kathy Murphy-Wright

* IT Project Funding - a motion was passed to fund the remainder of the Registration portion of the IT project approved by the Board of Directors a few years back. It was a difficult decision given our current financial situation, but the bottom line was we either funded the remaining \$340,000 or risk the 1.4 million already spent on the project. It was deemed to be more prudent to put this to bed and not have it cost us any more. there is a IT task force looking into what our best direction is for any future IT projects.

* The name for the Magazine was voted on and was passed to remain "Modern Arabian Horse"

The new Arabian Scoring System for Judging Halter Horses

If you are not aware of it, a resolution was passed at convention two years ago that created a new scoring system for adjudicating the in-hand or halter horses. This new system is truly cutting edge and likely to be considered in part by many other breed organizations. Dr. Jim Heird from Colorado State University worked closely with the Education and evaluation commission on developing this scoring system. In his words, he went from being very against a scoring system to being very much in favor of it. He has a great deal of influence within AQHA and their judging programs, and I wouldn't be surprised to see their version of this system within a few years.

The new scoring system goes into effect as of April 1, 2008 for all Class A, Regional and National Shows. The general procedures and rules for this system may be found in the USEF rule book under the Arabian Rules AR107 and a brief description in the AHA Handbook on page 47 in Article 1132. It has been recommended that shows utilize the "In the Ring Procedure" at least for now until the time impact of the scoring system is more truly determined. It is felt that the "In the Ring Procedure" should not require too much more time than what we are accustomed to. The "Exit the Ring Procedure" may be attractive to Futurities, Breeders Cup, or other more specialized halter events. Shows should make sure to have plenty of Score sheets for their in-hand classes, as each horse has its own score sheet. The only Class(es) that do not require use of the new system are Championship classes at the Class A level. Those classes may call back their 1st and 2nd place horses from the qualifying classes (which will have been judged and placed by the new scoring system) and adjudicate them by comparison for the Champion and Reserve Champion (Stallion, Mare, Gelding etc.)

2007 Region 8 Championship Shows Wrap-Up

Thanks again to the Show Commission, Show Committee and a great hard-working show staff, both the shows ran smoothly and were a lot of fun. The main show in Denver was down thirty some horses from 2006 and so our net profit was only \$23,499.96.

Sport Horse lost \$5,736.19. It never has made a profit although one year we came close to breaking even. In an effort to try and cut our losses, only local judges have been hired for 2008. Additionally, we have secured the dates of July 4-6 so the show will run Friday through Sunday which we hope will

American Horse Council - Benefits in the Economic Stimulus Act

To: AHC Organizations

From: American Horse Council

Re: Benefits in the Economic Stimulus Act for Horse Industry

Date: February 14, 2008

Yesterday, President Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act. The bill is intended to provide a jump-start to the lagging U.S. economy. The new law includes two tax incentives that would allow a much bigger write-off for horses used in your business and other property purchased and placed in service during 2008.

Expensing Allowance. The first incentive would increase the Section 179 expensing allowance for horses purchased and placed into service in 2008 from \$128,000 to \$250,000. This expensing allowance applies to farm equipment and most other depreciable property. Once total purchases of horses, and other eligible depreciable property, during 2008 reach \$800,000, the expense allowance goes down one dollar for each dollar spent on eligible property over \$800,000.

To illustrate the expensing allowance, assume a horse business purchases \$750,000 of depreciable property in 2008, including \$650,000 for horses. That business can write off \$250,000 on its 2008 tax return and depreciate the balance. If instead, purchases were \$900,000, the expense allowance would go down by \$100,000. In either case, the amount of the purchases not expensed may also be eligible for bonus depreciation, as explained below.

Bonus Depreciation. The second incentive brings back 50% first-year bonus depreciation for horses and most other depreciable property purchased and placed in service during 2008. It does not apply to property that has a depreciation life of over 20 years. Also, as was the case when bonus depreciation was available in 2003 and 2004, the property must be new, meaning that the original use of the horse or other property must commence with the taxpayer. For a horse to be eligible, it cannot have been used for any purpose before it is purchased.

To illustrate bonus depreciation, assume that in 2008 a business pays \$500,000 for a colt to be used for racing and

bring more exhibitors to Estes Park. The 2007 show began the middle of the week which we feel contributed to fewer entries. The Show Committee has done some cost analysis which will be presented to the Show Commission at convention. The bottom line is if we could get 20 more horses to come, Sport Horse Championships could conceivably break even. In the hopes of getting some more horses next year, we are adding back the Carriage Driving classes.

If there are any questions or if any of you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Chuck Mangan, Chair of the Region 8 Show Commission, Jim Hitt, Region 8 Director, or myself.

Patricia Thompson
Region 8 Show Manager

\$50,000 for other depreciable property, bringing total purchases to \$550,000. The young colt had never been raced or used for any other purpose before the purchase. The business would be able to expense \$250,000 (as explained above), deduct another \$150,000 of bonus depreciation (50% of the \$300,000 remaining balance), and take regular depreciation on the \$150,000 balance.

Please call us if you have any questions.

REGION 8 SHOW MANAGER'S REPORT AND NEWS!!!!!!

Our 2008 show is rapidly approaching and we are excited about several new things that will occur. First, we have the new AHA Halter Scoring System that the judges will utilize in evaluating our halter horses. Second, our Region 8 Show Commission has approved using some of our patron money to jackpot some of the Open classes. They are working on which classes and how much will be awarded.

Our judges for this year are Jeremy Harper, Deborah Johnson and LaRae Fletcher-Powell. LaRae agreed to come back for 2008 when Rebecca Fleck had to back out of her contract as her daughter is getting married at the same time as the show. She will be back with us in 2009!

We are pleased that with the diversity of knowledge in each of our three judges, all Working Western events will be adjudicated by all three judges.

If you would like to volunteer for some position at the show or would consider sponsoring a class, we would be most appreciative. Please contact me at pateph@aol.com if you would be willing to help or sponsor a class.

For those of you who are interested in the Region 8 Sport Horse Offsite Championship show in Estes Park, Colorado, our dates this year are July 4-6. We are hoping to attract more exhibitors by making the show a 3-day show, starting on Friday, the 4th. We can use volunteers and class sponsorships there as well.

The Region 8 Show Committee and Show Commission look forward to seeing all of you in June in Denver and/or in Estes Park in July.

Sincerely,

Patricia Thompson
Show Manager

Hi Everyone! More From The Youth...

My Vice-Director and I attended the Board of Directors meeting in March and there are a ton of new ideas and plans happening this year. We are really excited with the Board of Directors and what we are all doing and planning.

Convention

First off, there is a lot of things going on at Youth Nationals this year. The theme for Convention is Christmas in July! This should be a fun theme to decorate your stalls with. So enter your stalls into the Stall Decorating Contest because it would be great to see a Region 8 barn win!

At convention this year we will be voting in a whole new Executive Board. Here are the nominees for the board as of right now:

President: Maral Otabachian (*from Region 8!*) and Annalise Himmel

Vice President - Katie Pelphrey

Secretary: Olivia White

You will be hearing a lot about these people before convention so please take the time out to get to know them and find out who you want to vote for to represent you next year!

We have an amazing keynote speaker this year at convention, Joel Keisner! Many of you know who he is and he is phenomenal trainer so his talk will be very interesting. He is trying to bring in a star panel of other trainers, so you will be hearing from many of the best in the industry.

DELEGATES! If anyone is interested please let us know!! We need delegates for Convention to vote for the new Executive Board and I promise we have been working on making more interesting, so Convention is as boring.

Youth Nationals

At Youth this year there is going to be a lounge for everybody. There will be coffee and couches for everybody to hang out in. Best of all, there will be a Guitar Hero Tournament here on Tuesday! Meredith and I have personally been working on this tournament and it's going to be tons of fun!

There are a ton of activities going on at Youth Nationals and here is the schedule:

Saturday Morning: Convention Workshops

Sunday: Parade of Regions

Monday: Stick Horse Workshop & Contest

Tuesday: Flying Pigs Toss and GUITAR HERO TOURNAMENT!!

Wednesday: Ice Cream Social

Thursday: Flying Pigs Toss & Hippology Contest

Friday: Novice Judging Contest

For everybody who does working cow, Maral Otabachian has been doing some amazing things for you! She has been putting together proposals and ideas so that all working cow classes can have scholarships at Youth Nationals. Also, another thing to decorate is the Region 8 golf cart for the Parade of Regions. If you would be interested in helping us decorate the golf cart at Youth Nationals or if you have any ideas please contact us and let us know!

There is a new fund raiser this year. It is the Clothing Consignment fund raiser. How it is going to work is that everybody will be allowed to bring in any show clothes that they are selling. There will be a booth where your clothes will be on display and where people can shop. After it is sold, AHYA will receive a percentage of the sale.

The creative contest is an opportunity to allow youth to display their artistic abilities. The theme for the creative contest this year is My Gift: The Arabian Horse. Entries are due June 1st to Angela Mannick at the AHA Office. The best part is that your artwork can be displayed on the AHA website!

A Silent Auction will be held during Youth, each region is responsible for bringing in a basket. Every director agreed that it would be a good idea to make the baskets represent their region. If anyone has ideas or wants to donate items, please let us know!

To all college bound students and students in college Region VIII does offer scholarships. The Burr Betts Scholarship is given to 8 people every year! So please do look into it! The application can be found on the Region VIII website.

If there are any questions, concerns, or comments please let us know!!

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Region 8 Newsletter to be On-Line Only Unless Requested

It was decided by the Regional Delegates at the convention in November that we would go to an online newsletter and directory for Region 8. This will save the Region a substantial amount of money and likely be of more convenience to our members. You will be able to find the newsletters

and a membership listing/directory on line at www.aharegion8.org. If you prefer to still receive a hard copy by mail, we will be happy to send it to you. Please check the appropriate boxes below and return the form if you wish to continue to receive a hard copy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please continue to send me hard copies of the Region 8 Newsletter/

Please send me a hard copy of the Region 8 membership listing/directory

Return this request to: Patricia Thompson
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**AHA REGION VIII BURR BETTS
College Scholarship Application
Application Deadline May 1**

Please Type or Print

Category "A" or "B": _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Social Security #** _____

College Registration Date: _____

Region 8 Club Affiliation: _____

These educational funds are sought to assist in carrying on a program of study at: (your scholarship money will be sent directly to the College. Address must be accurate.)

College: _____

Address: _____ **Dept:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

School Phone: (____) _____

Current High School or College: _____

Address: _____ **Dept:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone:(____) _____

Applications must be accompanied by all items listed under requirements. **Your prompt and careful attention to directions for completing your application** will facilitate the Selection Committee's Evaluation.

Application Deadline May 1

Mail **Four Complete Applications** and all other material to

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AHA REGION VIII BURR BETTS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- Offered By:** Region VIII of the Arabian Horse Association
- Description:** Category "A" - Four scholarships of \$500.00 each to be awarded to four incoming college Freshmen
Category "B" Four scholarships of \$500.00 each to be awarded to four current college students (Sophomore, Junior or Senior standing)
- College:** Open to the Student
- Course of Study:** Open to the Student
- Eligibility:** Applicant must be a member of an AHA Region VIII club.
(Region VIII of AHA affiliated clubs in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, and El Paso area of Texas)
- Applicant must be - (Category "A") A graduating high school senior at time of application or
(Category "B") Registered and completing at least one year of college at time of application

- Requirements:** Category "A" and "B"
4 Complete Applications 1 original, and 3 photocopies
1. Completed the "Region VIII Burr Betts Memorial Scholarship application form.
 2. Four letters of recommendation from:
 - a. one from a horseman or horsewoman
 - b. one from a teacher or advisor
 - c. one from an adult member of your Region VIII club
 - d. one from employer, clergy, etc.
 3. Current year academic record
 4. Statement of Equine background
 5. List of community involvement and/or activities
 6. Statement of sense of direction for furthering education
 7. Current 3" x 5" photograph, head and shoulders only, of applicant

It is mandatory that all of the information specified in the list of requirements be provided by the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Region VIII Scholarship Priority**
1. Four Scholarships to Category "A" and Four Scholarships to Category "B"
 2. If a category does not have the full number of applicants, the remaining scholarships may be used in the other category in such a manner that no more than 8 scholarships are given out in any one year.

Deadline for Applications: May 1 of the given year

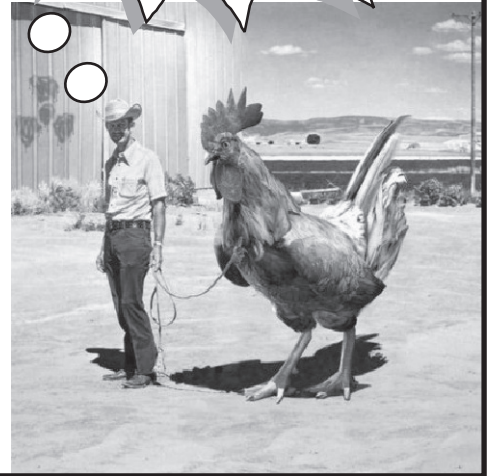
Applicants receiving scholarships will provide any other documentation as requested by the Selection Committee. Those receiving a scholarship will be notified of selection with the actual award presentation to take place at the Region VIII Championship Show. Those students receiving scholarships will be requested to be present to receive the award.

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