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The Arabian Horse Association Awards over \$9,000 to Youth Contest Winners

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Aurora, CO – November 5, 2019 – The Arabian Horse Association awarded \$9,250 to winners of the 49th annual Arabian Horse Youth Association (AHYA) Judging Contest at the 2019 [U.S. National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show](#) in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from October 25-26, 2019.

Lydia Groshong from Colorado Arabian Horse Club, was the High Individual Overall, winning a \$750 scholarship, a trophy saddle sponsored by Awards Recognition Concepts, and had the opportunity to judge the HA/AA English Pleasure Junior Horse Championship at U.S. Nationals from center ring.

At the AHYA Judging Contest there were 26 teams and over 100 individuals participating for their chance at a National title. The youth were asked to judge six performance classes, four halter classes including Half-Arabians and Purebreds and present four sets of oral reasons. The classes judged included Showmanship, Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Country English Pleasure, Horsemanship, Purebred Geldings, Half-Arabian Geldings, Half-Arabian Mares, and Purebred Mares.

In addition, this was the second year of the Arabian Horse Hippology Contest. Eight teams with 29 individuals from across the U.S. competed for their chance at a National title. The youth were asked to solve a team problem, complete stations that tested their equine knowledge, complete a written exam and judge two halter classes and two performance classes.

Scholarships were awarded in the following divisions:

Hippology Contest

High Individual Overall: Tea Thomas, Midwest AHC, \$750 Scholarship

Reserve High Individual Overall: Allyana Eblen, Northern Minnesota AHA, \$500 Scholarship

High Team Overall: Northern Minnesota AHA, \$250 Scholarship to each team member

Judging Contest - 4/H/FFA Division

High Individual Overall: Hannah Beaver, Virginia 4-H, \$750 Scholarship

Reserve High Individual Overall: Amy Wyse, Michigan 4-H, \$500 Scholarship

High Team Overall: Michigan 4-H, \$250 Scholarship to each team member

Judging Contest - Jr. AHA Division

High Individual Overall: Lydia Groshong, Jr Colorado AHC/Region 8, \$750 Scholarship

Reserve High Individual Overall: AJ Kenderick, Region 9 AHA, \$500 Scholarship

High Team Overall: Midwest AHC, \$250 Scholarship for each team member



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Judging Contest - Sr. Division

High Individual Overall: McKenna Bowen, Michigan State University, \$750 Scholarship
Reserve High Individual Overall: Tanner Sperle, University of Wyoming, \$500 Scholarship
High Team Overall: University of Wyoming, \$250 Scholarship to each team member

The Arabian Horse Association and Arabian Horse Youth Association would also like to thank all of the U.S. National exhibitors who provided horses for the contest. Without them and their beautiful horses, this contest would cease to exist.

Congratulations to all of the teams and participants. Complete results can be found at <http://www.arabianhorses.org/youth/contests/>.

For more information on the Arabian Horse Association, please go to www.arabianhorses.org.

About Arabian Horse Association

Arabian Horse Association (AHA) is an equine association serving more than 85,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces five national horse championship events yearly and recognizes over 344 Arabian local and regional horse shows and distance rides. AHA promotes the Arabian breed and ownership through educational and outreach program.