

# **WRCA presents Youth in Ranching at the 17th World Championship Ranch Rodeo**

We know ranch kids like to tell stories, and here's your chance to put your story on paper for the opportunity to win a \$500 savings bond. The finalist essays will be displayed at the 2012 World Championship Ranch Rodeo's kickoff celebration Nov. 7 in Amarillo, Texas. The winner in each age group, as selected by the WRCA board of directors, will receive a saving bond from WRCA. And the essay that best describes a registered American Quarter Horse will be published in America's Horse magazine, the membership publication of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Here are the particulars: Deadline is Oct. 15. Essays must be written by a child whose family is involved in horse or cattle ranching, and the essays must be in the child's own words (parents can assist the younger children). Essays must be no longer than 300 words. Include three to four photos that will not be returned. Select one of the topics from the list below:

Age Groups:

5-8

I want to be a cowboy (or cowgirl) because:

I call my horse\_\_\_\_\_, and here's what I like about him:

My favorite thing to do on the ranch is:

When I grow up ...

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My first day in the brandin' pen ...

My hero is:

My favorite thing to do on the ranch is:

My most memorable challenge or adventure growing up on the ranch has been:

Tell us about your horse:

What is the most difficult thing to do on the ranch?

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My responsibilities on the ranch are:

A day on the ranch begins ...

I will preserve the heritage and lifestyle of the working ranch cowboy in the future by:

My parents instilled in me ...

My work ethic is ...

The ranch is an isolated location. How do you balance working and living on the ranch with other aspects of life like school and friendships?

I am the\_\_\_\_ generation to work on the ranch. Here's what that legacy means to me:

What is the most difficult thing to do on the ranch?

What are your future plans?