## Thanks for the Opportunities, RHF

Seeing the members of the RHF work as a family and treat its youth members with love and respect is an example that I strive to model.

B eing part of a larger entity, something bigger than myself, has always been a desire of mine. The opportunity to continuously strive for improvement, work toward a goal and be part of a cohesive group similar to a family has been such a fulfilling achievement. The Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) provides youths these numerous opportunities, and I am deeply appreciative.

My involvement in the NRHyA, both locally and nationally, has led me to establish valuable connections that have shaped my current position as your NRHyA president. My growth and accomplishments are a tribute to the guidance of exceptional mentors who have steered me toward a fulfilling path.

Growing up at horse shows allowed me to make connections with people who pointed me in the right direction. They helped ignite my passion for helping expand reining's youth programs. My friends, youth advisers and the members of the RHF Board of Directors have all had a part in teaching me the importance of educating up-and-coming youth about all of the opportunities that the RHF and NRHyA have to offer.

The NRHyA and RHF share priorities on setting youth up for the future. The organization offers scholarships such as the RHF academic/need-based scholarships, affiliate regional scholarships and the RHF Merit scholarships. RHF funding also makes possible NRHyA activities that promote leadership development in youth, such as networking, public speaking, governance and serving our communities. Many who give to RHF act as youth mentors, who are the key to our success and growth. We, the youth, have learned from these examples. Outside of the scholarships and the various programs the RHF has available, the leaders in this organization are helping the reining industry flourish. Our mentors motivate us and help us to better understand the Foundation that we get to be part of. I will always want to support NRHA's charitable arm.

Seeing the members of the RHF work as a family and treat youth members with love and respect is an example I strive to follow. I am grateful to the RHF for the opportunities, the dedication and the support.



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