



The Big Picture

The Reining Horse Foundation is proudly celebrating its 25th anniversary. From the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund and NRHyA scholarships to honoring our heritage, the Foundation remains steadfast in strengthening the people and traditions that define reining. Through service and stewardship, we care for and honor our reining community.

The Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund continues to support members during times of hardship. Funds raised ensure the Crisis Fund is prepared to provide targeted, need-based assistance to eligible applicants when it is needed most. Every gift helps the Foundation stay ahead of demand so that no one is turned away due to a lack of resources.

Within days of Winter Storm Fern, NRHA shared that the reining community stood ready to assist those affected. Through careful stewardship of Crisis Fund resources, awards are being distributed within established guidelines to ensure fairness, accountability, and the ability to help as many members as possible.

Preparing and serving youth leaders remains a core commitment. This year the NRHyA Affiliate Regional Scholarship Program received 49 completed applications—a record that reflects both the strength of our youth membership and the value of this opportunity.

Applications are evaluated by an independent panel of judges, with first and second place honors awarded across participating regions. Thanks to the generosity of RHF, scholarship awards have reached new levels: \$1,500 for first place and \$1,000 for second place in each region. In 2026, the Foundation will award a record in scholarship support—more than \$90,000 to NRHyA members.

The NRHyA Buy-A Pro program continues to make a meaningful impact. Through an online auction, buyers purchase one-on-one training sessions with NRHA Professionals, each of whom generously donates a package of two training sessions. Proceeds benefit the youth program and create meaningful opportunities for reiners enjoying the lessons. Additionally, NRHA affiliates receive a portion of proceeds.

Since 1986, when Dale Wilkinson became the first inductee into the NRHA Hall of Fame, the Association has honored the people and horses that have shaped the industry. While the Foundation is not involved in the selection process, it is proud to celebrate members past and present during the annual ceremony held at Sliders' Night Out presented by Toyon Ranch.

Every gift to RHF creates meaningful opportunities across our NRHA membership. We invite you to make it part of your reining experience.



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