



# NRCHA Merit Award Program Application

NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FEE \$50.00

(Must be received in the NRCHA office by November 30 of award year)

Registered Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names Shown Under: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Color:     Bay                       Sorrel                       Dun                       Roan  
               Brown                       Chestnut                       Buckskin                       Grey  
               Black                       Palomino                       Grulla                       Other

Sex:         Stallion                       Mare                       Gelding                      Foaling Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all riders for this horse:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner or Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Merit Award Program

As of January 1, 2002 earnings which will count towards the Merit Award Program are all NRCHA Approved horse shows, LAE and Category 1 Special Events.

**Certificate of Ability** - a horse will be certified after winning a total of \$500 in any NRCHA class or combination of classes. It is the intention of the NRCHA that the Certificate of Ability will be available to a great number of horses that do in fact show ability.

**Superior Cow Horse Award** - this award will be given when a horse has earned \$5,000 in any NRCHA class or combination of classes or events. All earnings from reined cow horse snaffle bit events can be added to the hackamore and bridle winnings to total \$5,000 in order to receive this award. The NRCHA believes that any horse that wins \$5,000 in a single class or combination of classes and events is certainly considered a Superior Cow Horse and should be recognized.

**Supreme Reined Cow Horse** - the NRCHA has reserved the Supreme Reined Cow Horse Award for the unique individual that has shown and won in all divisions and the horse has substantial earnings. A horse must meet the following criteria:

- a. The horse must have been shown at a Limited Age reined cow horse event and earned at least \$1,000 in this event. Up to \$15,000 of any monies won at these events can be applied to the total earnings required.
- b. The horse must have been shown in the hackamore, and have earned at least \$1,000 in this event. Only \$5,000 of hackamore earnings can be applied to the total required.
- c. The horse must win a total of \$25,000. After considering the totals earned from Limited Age Events and the hackamore, with the limitations previously stated, the remaining balance must be won in the bridle division.
- d. Money earned in the Non Pro Limited and Youth Limited classes will not count towards the Supreme Reined Cow Horse Title.
- e. Earnings from the Hackamore Classic will count as Limited Age Event earnings for this program. To fulfill the hackamore requirement, earnings must come from NRCHA Horse Show Hackamore classes.
- f. Money earned in the two rein class will count as bridle earnings for the merit award program.
- g. Foals of 2000 and prior will be grandfathered into this program and are not required to have won the \$1,000 in Limited Age Events and Hackamore, but still must win a total of \$25,000.