

NEW JERSEY EQUESTRIAN CONTEST
January 25, 2009
Applications are due by December 15, 2008
Each contestant may only represent one (1) organization!

Sponsored by
The New Jersey Equine Advisory Board

In order that each candidate may fully understand what is involved if he/she is selected, the conditions which accompany this title are outlined below.

It is requested that each candidate and his/her parents or guardian study these conditions. This agreement must be signed by the candidate (also by parents or guardians if under 18 years of age) and must be returned with the official application by December 15, 2008 to:

Department of Agriculture
Division of Marketing & Development
ATTN: Lynn Mathews
P.O. Box 330
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

AGE AND STATUS

To be eligible to compete, a candidate must be between 15 and 19 years of age.

Candidates must represent an organization which is a member of the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board and a permanent legal resident of the State of New Jersey.

Candidates should be well versed in one or more phases of the horse industry (riding, training, breeding, etc.)

DUTIES OF WINNER

1. The candidate selected as the New Jersey Equestrian will hold this title until a successor is chosen. If during the year the winner is unable to serve in this capacity he/she must agree to the transfer of the title and all benefits and privileges due the New Jersey Equestrian, to the alternate.
2. Winner must be available for personal appearances which will be arranged by Committee. Every effort will be made to avoid interference with school or with employment. All appearances must be approved by the New Jersey Advisory Board or its duly selected person(s).
3. The New Jersey Equestrian will not endorse any private product or otherwise use the name "New Jersey Equestrian" or any combination of it, either directly or indirectly, to sponsor any unauthorized project or engage in any promotional activities not authorized by the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board.
4. The winner must agree to return for the subsequent New Jersey Equestrian Contest to crown a successor.
5. Each candidate must agree to accept as final the decisions of the judges in selecting the New Jersey Equestrian.

SELECTION OF WINNER

The New Jersey Equestrian will be selected on the basis of poise, personality, ability to communicate and knowledge of horses.

Contestants will be interviewed individually by the judges in a private session at the Horse Park of NJ, Route 524, Allentown, NJ. Interviews will start at approximately 1:00 pm. Letters of confirmation will be mailed to each contestant closer to the event outlining the time schedule.

Each candidate will be asked to make an oral, public presentation (approximately 2 minutes) on how the association with horses has influenced his/her life. *Evening clothes are suggested - long gowns are not necessary.

All candidates should wear a sash (supplied by the organization) identifying their association. Tiaras are optional.

AWARDS TO WINNER

Presentation of the winner will be made at the NJ Bred Breeder's Award Dinner at approximately 6:30 pm

The winner will receive a \$250.00 scholarship, horseshoe pendant, and a floral bouquet.

The winner will also receive \$50 for each public appearance arranged by the committee.

PLEASE NOTE

Each contestant will receive a complimentary dinner ticket from the organization which he/she represents. Additional tickets may be secured by returning the enclosed reservation form with check or money order.

All contestants are asked to be at the following address no later 12:00 pm

**Horse Park of NJ
626 Route 524
Allentown, NJ 08514**

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Times are approximate! Each contestant will receive a confirmation letter outlining the accurate times closer to the contest date.

INTERVIEWS..... 1:00 pm

CONTEST (public)..... 4:30 pm

Photo Release

I, _____ agree to allow the New Jersey Department of Agriculture / New Jersey Equine Advisory Board, to use any and all photographs taken of me at various functions for promotion for the year that I reign as New Jersey Equestrian of the Year as well as any and all years after my reign.

Print Name

Signature

Signature of Parent (if under 18)

Date