

Level 3  
TWHYA Merit  
Award

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Biography	15 pts
Content reflects categories effectively	20 pts
Involvement in Tennessee Walking Horse activities	30 pts
All activities that are documented on this application have appropriate signatures	5 pts
Photos	<u>15 pts</u>
	100 pts

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### **Neatness/Organization (15 pts)**

- Preferably typed, but if not typed, legible neat handwriting (2 pts)
- Biography is grammatically correct and age appropriate (3 pts)
- All sections are neat and material is relevant to sections (6 pts)
- Photos are relevant to topics and are attached to application in an neat organized manner (4 pts)

### **Biography (15 pts)**

- Grammatically correct and age appropriate (2 pts)
- Concise but detailed (3 pts)
- Stays on topic (6 pts)
- Easily determinable that it was in fact written by the TWHYA member submitting application (4 pts)

### **Contents Reflects Categories Effectively (20 pts)**

- Each Section is answered effectively (5 pts)
- No unneeded information is added (5 pts)
- Answers are concise but detailed (5 pts)
- TWHYA member can effectively list his/her activities within each section in an organized manner using only the appropriate amount of space (5 pts)

**Involvement in Tennessee Walking Horse Activities (30 pts)**

- Leadership within the Tennessee Walking Horse Industry (6 pts)
- Promotion in the growth of the Tennessee Walking Industry (8 pts)
- Awards and recognition with registered Tennessee Walking Horses (6 pts)
- Participation in TWHBEA sponsored events/activities (6 pts)
- Why do you think you deserve to win the TWHYA Merit Award? (4 pts)

**Appropriate signatures**

- Sections A, B, & D have appropriate signatures (5 pts)

**Photos (15 pts)**

- Organization (5 pts)
- Photos relevant to sections (8 pts)
- Photos are clear and easy to see (2 pts)

**TWHYA Merit Award**  
(Level Three of the TWHYA Horsemanship Award)

The purpose of this award is to recognize Tennessee Walking Horse youth who excel in leadership, promotion of the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, and are laying the groundwork for the future of the Tennessee Walking Horse breed. One winner will be chosen per state. To earn this award, the youth must meet the eligibility requirements and fill out the following application. The winner will receive a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to the Gift Horse (the official TWHBEA gift shop) and a certificate with the TWHYA Merit Award logo.

GUIDELINES

- Open to all TWHYA youth members.
- Must complete the TWHYA Ambassador Program (Level One) and the TWHYA Achievement Award (Level Two) before submitting your application for the TWHYA Merit Award (Level Three) to be eligible for the TWHYA Horsemanship Award. Once the TWHYA Merit Award application has been completed, the TWHYA member can not go back and reenter Levels 1 and 2.
- **All activities must be completed January 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**
- Awards and recognition can be received from the two previous years (Nothing before that). Ex. If 2007, awards from 2005 and 2006 can be used.
- All activities included in this application must involve registered Tennessee Walking Horses.
- The TWHYA youth member may submit this application multiple times, but he or she can only win this award once.
- Entire application and all supporting materials become the property of TWHBEA and will not be returned.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete the following application, thoroughly filling out each section.
- Attach photos with each section.
- Attach two letters of recommendation with this application, from people who are knowledgeable about your leadership with registered Tennessee Walking Horses and your promotion of the Tennessee Walking Horse industry other than your parents or guardian.
- Put entire application in a report folder before submitting.
- This completed application is due October 1<sup>st</sup>.

QUESTIONS

Contact:  
TWHBEA Youth Coordinator  
P.O. Box 286  
Lewisburg, TN 37091-0286  
931-359-1574 ext. 588

### TWHYA Merit Award Application

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

The information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of TWHYA Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*Along with application please attach two letters of recommendation from people who are knowledgeable about your leadership with registered Tennessee Walking Horses and your promotion of the Tennessee Walking Horse industry other than your parents or guardian.*

*\*Put entire application in a report folder before submitting.*

*\*Applications will not be returned to TWHYA members.  
(Applications will be kept to include in your TWHYA Horsemanship Application.)*





**Section A. Photos**



**Section B. Photos**



**Section C. Photos**

**Section D. Participation in at least five different TWHBEA Sponsored Events/Activities** (these five events will include the TWHYA Ambassador Award and TWHYA Achievement Award in which you have already submitted).

Other events include: TWHYA Youth Jamborees, All Youth Day Judging Contest, All Youth Day Public Speaking Contest, TWHYA Multi-Media Contests: Art, Essay, and Photo; Tennessee Walking Horse Camp or Clinic, TWHBEA Scout Badge, 4-H Halter Program, Ride With Pride Program, TWHYA High Point Program, TWHBEA Versatility Program, Participation in the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration [other than All Youth Day], TWHBEA Academy Program, TWHBEA Distance Riding Program, TWHYA Leadership conferences, etc.)

Ex.

Event/ Activity: All Youth Day Horse Judging Contest      Year: 2001  
 Participation: Judged contest, 6<sup>th</sup> high individual overall  
 Signature of event organizer or TWBEA Staff Member: George Wright

Event/ Activity:      Year:  
 Participation  
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**Section D.** Photos

