

# National Youth Cutting Horse Association

## Levels of Excellence Award Program (LEAP) Form

This form is for all activities that took place from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

NYCHA Member Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

NCHA # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

*All information listed on this form is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.*

NYCHA Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is your first year to fill out a LEAP form how did you find out about the LEAP Program: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>NYCHA Membership/Leadership</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
NYCHA Member (2011)	100	
NYCHA Officer and met all requirements of my office (2010-2011) <i>see guidelines</i>	500	
Ran for NYCHA Officer, but not elected (2011)	100	
NYCHA Area Director and met all requirements (2011) <i>see guidelines</i>	250	
<b>NCHA Cutting Points</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
Top Ten <u>Youth</u> in your Area (Area # _____ Rank _____) 1 <sup>st</sup> =100 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> =90; 3 <sup>rd</sup> =80; 4 <sup>th</sup> =70; 5 <sup>th</sup> =60; 6 <sup>th</sup> =50; 7 <sup>th</sup> =40; 8 <sup>th</sup> =30; 9 <sup>th</sup> =20; and 10 <sup>th</sup> =10	10 to 100	
Top Ten <u>Youth</u> in any Affiliate <i>If not sure, please list all affiliates you think you have made top ten</i> (Affiliate _____ Rank _____)	25 limit 1 Affiliate	
Total <u>Youth</u> NCHA Show Points you earned for 2011		
Top 15 World - NCHA <u>Junior or Senior Youth</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> =250 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> =225; 3 <sup>rd</sup> =200; 4 <sup>th</sup> =175; 5 <sup>th</sup> =150; 6 <sup>th</sup> =125; 7 <sup>th</sup> =100; 8 <sup>th</sup> =75; 9 <sup>th</sup> =50; 10 <sup>th</sup> =25; 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> =10	25 to 250	
Entered NCHA Approved Cuttings in <u>youth class</u> (# entered _____ x 5 pts)	Max. 50	
<b>Cutting Points for Associations other than NCHA</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
You must qualify to attend the world show in <u>Youth cutting</u> for a nationally recognized association. No state associations or state events accepted. Qualified examples include: APHA World, AQHYA World, National High School Finals Rodeo		
Name of World Show _____ Date _____ Name of World Show _____ Date _____ Name of World Show _____ Date _____		
Qualified/entered in <u>youth cutting</u> but unable to attend ( limit 1)	25	
Youth Cutting competitor	100 x _____	
Youth Cutting Finalist _____ Youth Cutting Finalist _____ Youth Cutting Finalist _____ 1 <sup>st</sup> =100 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> =90; 3 <sup>rd</sup> =80; 4 <sup>th</sup> =70; 5 <sup>th</sup> =60; 6 <sup>th</sup> =50; 7 <sup>th</sup> =40; 8 <sup>th</sup> =30; 9 <sup>th</sup> =20; 10 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> =10	10 to 100	
Qualified for Family Owned Horse Award at Summer Show	50	
<b>NYCHA Fundraisers</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
<b>2011 Stallion Service Program</b> (100 pts per stallion you got donated, max 500 pts) stallion 1 _____ stallion 2 _____ stallion 3 _____ stallion 4 _____ stallion 5 _____	100 to 500	
<b>2011 Stallion Service Program</b> (50 extra points for each of the above breedings that are sold through the Stallion Service Program)	50 to 250	

<b>2011 Stallion Service Program</b> (50 Points for each mare owner you provided information to and whom purchased a breeding through the program; max 250 points) Mare owner 1 _____ Mare owner 2 _____ Mare owner 3 _____ Mare owner 4 _____ Mare owner 5 _____	50 to 250	
<b>2011 Trainer Service Program</b> (75 pts for getting a trainer donated whose services sold in auction)	75	
<b>2011 "Cut Above" Program</b> (50 pts per donation of \$1-\$999; 75 pts per donation of \$1,000 – \$9,999; 100 pts per donation of \$10,000+. No max)		
<b>NYCHA National Events</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
<b>Eastern National Championships, Jackson, Mississippi</b> (Held in March 2011)		
Entered youth cutting (Junior or Senior)	100	
Attended the show, did not cut	25	
Junior or Senior Finalist 1 <sup>st</sup> =100 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> =90; 3 <sup>rd</sup> =80; 4 <sup>th</sup> =70; 5 <sup>th</sup> =60; 6 <sup>th</sup> =50; 7 <sup>th</sup> =40; 8 <sup>th</sup> =30; 9 <sup>th</sup> =20; 10 <sup>th</sup> + =10	10 to 100	
Attended NYCHA meeting	50	
Participated in the grand entry	25	
Participated in the team cutting (team member, announcer, secretary....)	50	
Helped with NYCHA jobs (please list) _____	25 pts ea. Task	
Wrote thank you notes (please list) _____	10 pts each max. 50 pts	
<b>Western National Championships, Ogden, Utah</b> (Held in May 2011)		
Entered youth cutting (Junior or Senior)	100	
Attended the show, did not cut	25	
Junior or Senior Finalist 1 <sup>st</sup> =100 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> =90; 3 <sup>rd</sup> =80; 4 <sup>th</sup> =70; 5 <sup>th</sup> =60; 6 <sup>th</sup> =50; 7 <sup>th</sup> =40; 8 <sup>th</sup> =30; 9 <sup>th</sup> =20; 10 <sup>th</sup> + =10	10 to 100	
Attended NYCHA meeting	50	
Participated in the team cutting (team member, announcer, secretary....)	25	
Participated in the grand entry	25	
Helped with NYCHA jobs (please list) _____	25 pts ea. Task	
Wrote thank you notes (please list) _____	10 pts each max. 50 pts	
<b>NYCHA Convention and Scholarship Cutting in Fort Worth, Texas</b> (July 2011)		
Entered youth Scholarship Cutting (Junior or Senior)	100	
Attended the show, did not cut	25	
Junior or Senior Finalist 1 <sup>st</sup> =100 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> =90; 3 <sup>rd</sup> =80; 4 <sup>th</sup> =70; 5 <sup>th</sup> =60; 6 <sup>th</sup> =50; 7 <sup>th</sup> =40; 8 <sup>th</sup> =30; 9 <sup>th</sup> =20; 10 <sup>th</sup> + =10	10 to 100	
Attended NYCHA meeting	50	
Attended Family Fun Event and/or movie	25	
Participated in craft activity	25	
Participated in talent show	50	
Placed in talent show	75	
Attended talent show	25	
Participated in trivia scavenger hunt	25	
Participated in the grand entry	25	
Helped decorate for awards banquet	50	

Attended awards banquet	50	
Helped with NYCHA jobs (please list) _____	25 pts ea. Task	
Wrote thank you notes (please list) _____	10 pts each max. 50 pts	
<b>NCHA Futurity, Fort Worth, Texas (December 2011)</b>		
Attended NYCHA meeting and Fall Gathering – Saturday, December 10, 2011	100	
<b>NCHA Area, State or Affiliate participation</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
Served as Youth Officer or Director in an affiliate _____	100	
Participated in a Youth activity in an area, state or affiliate _____ (Ex. Youth pizza party, youth fundraiser, youth banquet, youth costume cutting, youth invitational cutting)	100	
<b>NYCHA Contests</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
Entered Photo Contest	50	
Entered Essay Contest	50	
Placed in Essay or Photo Contest	25	
<b>Education</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
Honor Student – Straight A’s (Must submit copy of report card)	250	
Honor Student – A/B Honor Roll (Must submit copy of report card)	150	
Perfect Attendance (Must submit copy of report card or documentation)	250	
<b>NYCHA Promotion &amp; Membership Development</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
Attended a cutting clinic Name _____ Date _____	100	
Attended a leadership conference or NCHA Convention Name _____ Date _____	100	
Participated in a full time extracurricular activity (Limit 1) List here: _____	50	
Recruited NEW member into NYCHA Name _____	50	
Recruited member into LEAP Name _____ This must be their first year to participate in LEAP	50	
I gave a speech or presentation about cutting Where _____ Date _____	100	
I wrote an article or story about cutting for a newspaper, newsletter or magazine Where published _____ Date _____	100	
I wrote an article or story for the <i>Chatter</i> magazine Date/issue printed _____	100	
I participated in a community service project – please list the project and date Project/date <u>Shoes for Orphan Souls (SOS)</u> ----- Project/date _____ Project/date _____ Project/date _____	25 pts per project max 75 pts	
<b>TOTAL LEAP POINTS EARNED FOR 2011</b>		

**Return this form by March 31, 2012** to: NYCHA, 260 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107

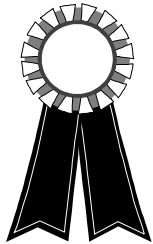
If you have any questions, please call Dayna Smith, NCHA Youth Coordinator at (817) 244-6188,  
Or e-mail [youth@nchacutting.com](mailto:youth@nchacutting.com)

**SPECIAL NOTICE:**

**ALL LEAP FORMS MUST HAVE A POST MARKED DATE OF MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> TO MEET THE  
REQUIRED DEADLINE. FORMS WILL NO LONGER BE TAKEN PAST THIS DATE.**

# What is LEAP?

LEAP stands for Levels of Excellence Award Program. LEAP is a "levels" program created in 1994 that allows youth members to accumulate LEAP points throughout their Youth career, earning awards and recognition as they climb the ladder of success. LEAP points are earned through participation in NYCHA in many categories such as attending workshops; promoting the sport of cutting by writing a newspaper article or giving a speech; or helping with fundraisers. Youth also earn points based on their performance in the cutting arena. The program was designed to recognize youth in the cutting horse family for participation in youth activities even if they were not showing cutting horses.



## LEAP Awards

LEAP awards are given for: *Initial* (1,000 points), *Bronze* (2,500 points), *Silver* (5,000 points), *Gold* (7,500 points), *Platinum* (10,000 points) and *Diamond* (15,000 points). These awards are presented individually to the youth during their NYCHA Awards Banquet held at the Summer Cutting Spectacular in Fort Worth, Texas, usually in July. A six-year old member could potentially reach the first level of accomplishment (1,000 pts.) and accept a LEAP award without ever competing in the cutting arena.

## Why is it important to participate in LEAP?

It is now mandatory for a youth to participate in LEAP in order to reach the NYCHA Hall of Fame. But more than that, LEAP gives all youth members a way to be recognized for their participation in the NCHA's youth organization. It gives youth from all levels of experience and ability a chance to reach the NYCHA Hall of Fame by participating in many activities. LEAP points will also play an important role in selecting the recipients of the NYCHA & Walton Family Foundation Scholarships. Applicants for these \$5,000 scholarships must turn in a current year's LEAP form as well as list their total LEAP points earned.

## How can I participate in LEAP?

To participate in LEAP, a youth must first become a member of NYCHA. Dues for NYCHA are currently \$15 a year per member. Youth may join NYCHA at any time during the year by filling out the membership form found in the *Chatter* magazine or on the NCHA website, [www.nchacutting.com](http://www.nchacutting.com). To participate in LEAP, the youth member simply needs to fill out and submit a LEAP form each year. Youth may participate starting at any age once they become a member and start participating in educational clinics and fun events like horse anatomy clinics, belt-making clinics, contest, and other youth activities, such as the Easter Egg Hunt at the Super Stakes.

## How do I get my LEAP form?

LEAP forms are mailed to all current NYCHA members during the first quarter of each year so it is important to pay your dues early! Look for this form in your mail addressed to each NYCHA member or visit the NYCHA website to download a copy of the LEAP form. LEAP forms should be completed and returned to the Youth Department at the NCHA office, 260 Bailey Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76107 and postmarked no later than March 31 each year.

