Youth Equestrian of Excellence Program

Requirements
Must be an active member of FFA, Pony Club, or 4-H must be C1 or above. May also be an active member in more than one affiliation.

Mandatory Items:
- Participate in a horse-related public speaking activity.
- Participate in a community service project.
- Keep a record book on an animal.
- Participate in a leadership activity.
- Promote safety within the horse industry.
- Explore career options in the horse industry.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:
To qualify, complete 3/5

Horse Events:
- **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Attend horse camp
  - Participate in/audit/volunteer at a clinic
  - Participate in/volunteer at a horse show
- **Pony Club Opportunities**
  *Attend Pony Club Camp.*
  Attend Upper Level Pony Club Camp.
  Teach at a local camp.
  *Volunteer at a horse event.*
- **FFA Opportunities**
  - Develop an SAE in a horse related field
  - Participate in FFA Horse Judging
  - Enroll in a horse management class at your Ag center

Local Participation:
- **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Educate firefighter on how to handle horses/ barn layout.
  - Help out at a horse rescue center.
  - Collect donations for a horse rescue center.
  - Promote safety in your community.
- **4-H Opportunities**
  - Submit for judging at least one project at your county 4-H fair.
  - Submit for judging a second project at your county 4-H fair.
  - Sell ads or sponsors for the 4-H fair.
  - Collect donations for the 4-H fair.
  - Submit a project for judging at another 4-H fair.

Class/Club Activities:
**General Opportunities**
- Attend
- Give a demonstration
- Participate in/organize a community service activity
- Organize an activity
- Organize a learning activity for the meeting
- Attend a club activity
- Participate in fundraising
- Pass a horse knowledge exam
- Make a snack
- Present a talk, demonstration or speech for your club
- Submit an article about your club’s activities to a media source

**4-H Opportunities**
- Teach another 4-H member a 4-H skill
- Be directly responsible for having a new member join 4-H
- Make a poster, exhibit, or any other promotional article(s) for 4-H
- Organize a Hippology or quiz bowl study session and team
- Host a Hippology or quiz bowl study session and team

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Pony club website: Nyucponyclub.org
4-H website: http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/member/event.php#state
FFA website: www.ctffa.org
Local Participation:

- **Pony Club Opportunities**
  - Conduct a Rating at the Club level.
  - Participate in a fundraiser for the club or region.
  - Attend a mounted meeting.
  - Attend an unmounted meeting.
- **FFA Opportunities**
  - Enroll in a horse management or animal science class at school.
  - Plan a horse-related event for your chapter (horse show, clinic, etc.).
  - Participate in an Agri-Science Open House at your school.
- **4-H Opportunities**
  - Participate in a horse-related clinic (audit or active).
  - Attend Equine Affaire.
  - Attend a horse-related planning and zoning meeting.
  - Attend a CT Horse Council Meeting.
  - Attend the CT Horse Symposium.
  - Attend a 4-H Horse Roundup.
  - Help with set up or clean up for a county-level 4-H horse event.
  - Participate in Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in a 4-H Fashion Revue as an equestrian.
  - Participate in a 4-H Hippology Contest with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in the 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting.
  - Attend the National or Regional Youth Board.

Record Keeping:

- **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Maintain a record book on an animal.
- **Pony Club Opportunities**
  - Complete a record Book to C-1 Standard or above.
- **FFA Opportunities**
  - Complete a record book on an animal.
  - Complete an SAE Proficiency.
  - Develop a fundraising effort for your chapter.

ATTEND A COUNTY, STATEWIDE, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL HORSE EVENT:

- **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Attend a Rally at the regional level.
  - Attend the Pony Club Regional Rally Championships in any discipline.
- **Pony Club Opportunities**
  - Attend a 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest.
  - Attend a 4-H Horse Individual Presentation Contest (senior 4-Hers only).
- **4-H Opportunities**
  - Attend a 4-H Horse Competitive Events (individual, team, etc.).
  - Attend a 4-H Horse Counseling Meeting.
  - Attend a 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting.
  - Attend a CT State 4-H Horse Related Event.
  - Attend a Connecticut 4-H Horse Roundup.
  - Help with set up or clean up for a county-level 4-H horse event.
  - Participate in Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in a 4-H Public Presentation Finals with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in a 4-H Fashion Revue as an equestrian.
  - Participate in a 4-H Hippology Contest with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in the 4-H Talent Show with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in the 4-H Textile Arts Contest with a horse-related theme.
  - Attend an Advanced Leadership Conference.
  - Attend a Junior Leadership Conference.
  - Attend a National FFA Convention.
  - Attend a State 4-H Convention.
  - Attend a National 4-H Congress.

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- **4-H Opportunities continued:**
  - State 4-H Horse Team Presentation Contest.
  - State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest.
  - State 4-H Hippology Contest.
  - State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
  - Horsin’ in Stride Workshop Day.
  - Giddy Up Games.
  - New England 4-H Horse Contests.
  - New England 4-H Horse Show at Eastern States Exposition.
  - Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.
  - Help with set up or clean up for a county-level 4-H horse event.
  - Participate in Connecticut 4-H Expressive Arts Day with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in a 4-H Public Presentation Finals with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in a 4-H Fashion Revue as an equestrian.
  - Participate in a 4-H Hippology Contest with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in the 4-H Talent Show with a horse-related theme.
  - Participate in the 4-H Textile Arts Contest with a horse-related theme.
  - Attend a CT State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting.
  - Attend the National or Regional Youth Board.
  - Recite the Pony Club pledge.
  - Be able to recite from memory the 4-H pledge.
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LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

- **GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES**
  - Be an elected club officer.
  - Mentor a novice club member.
  - Participate in an approved safety program (First Aid, CPR, fire safety, lifeguard training, etc.).
- **4-H Opportunities**
  - Attend a 4-H Citizenship Day.
  - Attend Citizenship Washington Focus.
  - Attend National 4-H Conference.
  - Attend National 4-H Congress.
  - Collect a donation for a 4-H auction.
  - Sell ads/sponsors for a 4-H fair.
  - Collect a donation for the 4-H fair.
  - Recruit a new member.
  - Be able to recite from memory the 4-H pledge.
- **Pony Club Opportunities**
  - Attend the National or Regional Youth Board.
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- **FFA Opportunities**
  - Be able to recite from memory the FFA creed.
  - Become a chapter officer.
  - Become a committee chairperson in your chapter.
  - Be a member of a chapter committee.
  - Compete in Parliamentary Procedure CDE.
  - Compete in Prepared or Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE.
  - Attend Citizenship Washington Focus.
  - Attend State 4-H Convention.
  - Attend National FFA Convention.
  - Attend Junior Leadership Conference.
  - Attend Advanced Leadership Conference.
  - Compete in any FFA CDE at the state level.
  - Earn your Greenhand degree.
  - Earn your Chapter FFA degree.
  - Earn your State FFA degree.
  - Earn your American FFA degree.

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