Are you eligible?
Yes, if you are a senior in high school or an undergraduate matriculated* college student pursuing a career in equine media during the 2019-2020 school year, with at least one semester remaining before graduation at the time of application. You must have a 2.00 GPA or higher.

*A matriculated student is one who has applied for and been accepted in a specific degree program through their college’s Admissions Office. Matriculated students in good standing must take a minimum of 9 credits and not exceed 18 credits per semester.

NOTE: The AHP Student Award Contest is open to residents of the US and Canada only. Former Student Award Winners are ineligible; Travel Award Winners may re-apply.

Entry Deadline
All entries must be postmarked no later than January 20, 2020.

As an award winner you’ll …

• Meet, network, and participate with publishers, editors, advertising, production, and marketing managers. You will participate in workshops, interactive discussions, lectures and informal get-togethers. This eye-opening conference will inform and enlighten you about the opportunities available to, and skills needed for, someone interested in pursuing a career in equine media.

• Have an opportunity to discuss your talents and potential with the decision makers who do the hiring. Conversely, those professionals will be evaluating and appraising you as a possible future staff member.

Requirements
Completed application form, plus:
1. Transcript of high school or college work completed and list of courses currently in progress.
2. List of scholarships and awards received, club and other organization memberships, and extra-curricular activities.
3. Employment record, including current job(s).
4. A 200-word (maximum) biographical sketch detailing your equine background, media experience, and career plans.
5. Three samples of your work, i.e. news or feature articles, advertisements, photographs, artwork, visual media, etc., published in print or online. (Classroom or published material acceptable.)
6. Two letters of recommendation from individuals such as instructors and employers.
7. Resume.

Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Submitted materials will not be returned to applicant.

Mail application and required materials by January 20, 2020 to:
AHP Student Award Contest
Judy Lincoln, Student Award Coordinator
49 Spinnaker Circle
South Daytona, FL 32119
Selection
The Student Award Judge will evaluate and compare your entry with other candidates based on the following criteria:
♦ Relevant experience
♦ Skills and abilities
♦ Presentation of material
♦ Career goals and confidence
♦ Interview skills

Applicants will be scored based on the selection criteria and up to three students will be selected to receive a $1,000 travel award to the annual conference. Winners of travel awards MUST attend the Lexington, Kentucky conference, May 28-30, 2020, to receive their award. The travel award winners will be interviewed on Thursday afternoon during the conference. The AHP Student Award winner will be selected and awarded at the 2020 conference.

Travel Award Winners
A travel award of $1,000, complimentary conference registration* and complimentary Student membership* will be awarded to up to three applicants. Travel Award winners have an opportunity to participate with equine media professionals in a three-day conference and related activities at the AHP Equine Media Conference in Lexington, Kentucky, May 28-30, 2020. Travel Award winners must agree to attend the conference, arriving by Thursday morning and departing no earlier than Sunday to receive the award.

2020 Student Award Winner
The winner receives a cash award of $1,000 and the title of 2020 AHP Student Award Winner. Additional cash awards will be awarded at the discretion of the judge to the runners-up.

All Qualified Applicants
All qualified applicants will receive a complimentary Student membership* and a Student registration* certificate for the annual conference in Lexington, Kentucky, May 28-30, 2020.

*Registrations and memberships are not transferable.

Past Student Award Winners
1993: Carol Nelson
1994: Jennifer Denison
1995: Molly Nicodemus
1996: Laura Duffin
1997: Angie Welsh Moore
1998: Stephanie Lynn Church
1999: Summer Ann Best
1999: Laura Denissen
2000: Michelle Berg Anderson
2001: Maggie Martin Malson
2002: Caraneen Smith
2003: Jessica Bieber-Hein
2004: Melissa Dymock
2005: Jessica Eissfeldt
2006: Nikki Hupman
2007: Nicole Lanphear
2008: Bana Varnon
2009: Erica Larson Spradling
2010: Hailey Elin Harroun
2011: Stephanie Smolek
2012: Danielle Moritz-Long
2013: April Leonard
2014: Catie Staszak
2015: Victoria Dixie Crowe
2016: Ema Klugman
2017: Kaycie Timm
2018: Emily Holowczak
2019: Lucile Vigouroux

AHP offers other opportunities...

• Student Membership: Available to high school, college, and graduate students for dues of $25. Students are profiled in the online AHP Membership Directory, have access to the Members Only area of the AHP website, and may attend the annual conference at a reduced registration. To join: http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/become-an-ahp-member/student-membership/

• AHP Internship Program: Offers college students an opportunity to intern at an equine publication or business and gain valuable hands-on work experience. The AHP Internship listings and application are available online at http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/internship-program/