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ARHPA Announces New Prize Programs, Awards, Deadlines

American Road Horse & Pony Association now offers new and revamped prize programs, opportunities, and scholarships – and has selected its 2021 Hall Of Fame inductee.

• \$1,500 Scholarship Funds Added to Junior Exhibitor Roadster Pony Challenge

ARHPA has revamped one of its prize programs with \$1,500 in funds granted by U.S. Equestrian Federation's Youth Sportsman's Award Recognized Affiliate Grant Program, announced ARHPA President James Nichols. "Junior exhibitor roadster drivers are encouraged to show and track their points throughout the year," Nichols explained. "Now, with these USEF-granted funds, the high-point winners will also receive prize money to be used for college scholarships." The program concludes with the ARHPA Junior Exhibitor Roadster Pony Challenge Championship class competed at the Alabama Charity Championship Horse Show, held Oct. 6 – 9, 2021, at Morgan County Celebration Arena, in Priceville, Alabama. To enroll in the Junior Exhibitor Roadster Pony Challenge, visit Roadster.show.

Update: Showing at ACCHS can now help boost your year-end point totals!

Deadline to enroll: Enroll anytime during 2021 season, and submit points by Oct. 1

• Jennifer C. Robertson Sportsmanship Award Nominations Welcomed

Jennifer was one of the roadster discipline's most popular drivers and often lent her support and encouragement to new exhibitors. We honor her involvement with this annual award:

<https://roadster.show/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/arhpa-jcr-sportsmanship-award-f.pdf>

Nominations should be sent to American Road Horse & Pony Association, Attn: Rick Adams, 2755 Buntun Road, Duluth, GA 30096 or emailed to

RoadHorses@AmericanRoadHorsePony.com

Deadline for nominations: July 1

• Sponsorships Encouraged for 2021 USTA Roadster Classic

It's the place to spot tomorrow's biggest roadster contenders! Held at Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show, this lucrative competition is sponsored by ARHPA and the U.S. Trotting Association. The class pays \$15,000 added prize money to top Standardbred winners. However, additional sponsorships are greatly needed – and any donation amount is appreciated. Here's the info (<https://roadster.show/usta-roadster-classic/>) and the contribution form (<https://roadster.show/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/arhpa-usta-contribution-f.pdf>).

Commitments kindly requested by: July 1

- **ARHPA to Award Two Scholarships of \$1,000 Each**

Junior exhibitors, listen up – here’s college funding from the ARHPA! Those eligible to receive these scholarships are the youths who are going into college or currently enrolled in college and are current members (or eligible family member of current member) of the ARHPA. The ARHPA Scholarship Committee will award the scholarships on the basis of community involvement, school involvement, academic success, and personal involvement in the ARHPA. The ARHPA endeavors to award these scholarships to the most eligible recipients. The winners will be announced at the 2021 World’s Championship Horse Show. Here’s the application:

<https://roadster.show/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/arhpa-scholarship-2021-f.pdf>

Deadline to apply: August 1, 2021

- **ARHPA to Induct Marilyn Macfarlane, Jimmy Robertson to its 2021 Hall Of Fame**

A long-time roadster exhibitor, owner, breeder, and trainer has been selected by ARHPA’s membership for induction into ARHPA’s 2021 Hall Of Fame. Jim B. (“Jimmy”) Robertson II, owner of Infinity Stables and CEO of Robertson Equine Sales LLC, Simpsonville, Ky., will receive our organization’s top honor in a center-ring ceremony on Thursday evening during the Kentucky State Fair World’s Championship Horse Show. Read more about Jimmy’s award-winning career here: <https://roadster.show/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/jimmy-robertson-noms.pdf>

Marilyn Macfarlane, one of the roadster industry’s most influential and successful woman exhibitors, equine professionals, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders, will be posthumously inducted at a ceremony the same evening. Marilyn was the first woman to win the Roadster to Bike World’s Grand Championship with her beloved road horse Shining Brightly in 1994. This win was one of many, as Shining Brightly was the UPHA Horse of the Year for 10 years. Marilyn passed away in August, 2020.

- **Watch Horses Win Big Bucks in the Big Ring: Roadsters to Compete for \$25,000-Added Roadster Challenge at Lexington Junior League Horse Show**

Join us for an exciting Class 107 on Thursday evening, July 15, at the upcoming Lexington Junior League Horse Show, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. The Roadster Challenge is open to horses purchased at the 2019 or 2020 Mid-Ohio Memorial Day Trotting Sale in Mt. Hope, Ohio. It’s where you’ll see the excitement of roadsters in a big ring, driven by exhibitors out to win the big bucks! Entries must be registered with the ARHPA and must not have shown prior to May 1, 2019; Owners/Trainers/Drivers must be members of the ARHPA. Box seats may still be available; general admission is only \$5, and children under 6 attend free. Webcast available at RichfieldVideo.com. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Watch in person or via RichfieldVideo.com: Class 107, Thursday evening, July 15

- **ARHPA Horse & Pony Show Dates Set for 2022: May 20 - 21**

“We had a really good show a month ago, and we’re already planning for a better one in ’22,” said show chairman Rick Adams. Save the dates, please: Friday & Saturday, May 20 – 21, at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, in Harrodsburg, Ky.

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