



2009 Contest Rules and Entry Form

2009 Marie Hill Youth Writing Contest Rules

- All contest participants should be youth members of the U.S. Trotting Association. Youth Beats subscribers may also qualify. For more information on membership call 877.800.8782, ext. 3.
- One entry per person. Entrants must be 16 years or younger as of August 15, 2009.
- The entry must be the writer's original, unpublished work. The writer may not be published professionally (may not have received payment from a publication).
- All entries must be accompanied by an entry form or cover letter.
- Contest entries may be fiction or nonfiction, in the form of a short story, essay or article. Poems will not be accepted.
- Submissions must be about harness racing and/or the Standardbred breed and may not exceed 750 words.
- Entry deadline is August 15, 2009. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.
- Entries should be sent to Jason Turner, c/o the MHYWC, 750 Michigan Ave., Columbus, OH 43215. Questions may also be directed to Jason Turner at jason.turner@ustrotting.com, or call 877.800.8782, ext.3269.
- Judging will be handled by the U.S. Trotting Association and based on:
 - Content (30%)
 - Creativity (30%)
 - Accuracy of reference to harness racing and the Standardbred breed (30%)
 - Spelling & Grammar (10%)
- The winner will be determined by the highest cumulative score of three judges.
- First through third-place winners will be selected in two categories:
 - 12 and under
 - 13 to 16
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. The overall winner will have their story featured in the December issue of *Youth Beats* magazine.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM—*Must be submitted with each entry.*

Completed entry form must be mailed to: Jason Turner, c/o MHYWC, 750 Michigan Ave., Columbus, OH 43215

Contestant's Name _____ USTA Member No. _____

E-mail address _____ Phone No. _____

Mailing address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Age _____ Grade in School _____ Date of Birth _____

Statement of Honest Work:

I have read and understand the rules of the 2009 Marie Hill Youth Writing Contest. I do hereby certify that the enclosed entry is my own, original, unpublished work. I do hereby certify that all rights to this work are mine, and that I have not plagiarized any part of any other person's work. I understand that this submission may be published in Youth Beats, Hoof Beats or in other publications at the discretion of the USTA.

Signature

Date