

Neil Drake Memorial Bareback Award

Neil Drake was a past member of the Nebraska High School Rodeo Association in 2006 and 2007. Due to financial reasons, Neil did not get to participate in high school rodeo during all of his high school years. What opportunities he did have to compete, he was passionate about bareback riding and everything about rodeo life! Neil passed away on January 26, 2014 of an undiagnosed rare genetic disorder. Neil's family and friends have established this award.

This award is for Nebraska High School Rodeo members and incoming freshman who actively participate in the bareback riding event. The recipient will receive a new bareback rigging that will carry the "Neil Drake Memorial 2017" logo. In addition, the student will have all of their entry fees paid for the 2017-2018 NHSRA season. Should the recipient be a graduating senior, he will receive a \$500 college scholarship to the college of his choice.

To apply for this award, students need to complete the application form and mail it to Cindy Markham. Application forms be received by February 1, 2017. The winner will be announced at the 2017 Nebraska High School State Finals Rodeo.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

2016/2017 Grade: 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

If you are a Senior, will you be attending college? _____ If yes, where? _____

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| Rodeo Events that you compete in: | Barebacks | Saddle Broncs | Bull Riding | |
| Tie Down Roping | Steer Wrestling | Team Roping | Boys Cutting | Reining Cowhorse |

Financial Need: _____

In your own words, attach a short essay telling why you chose the bareback event and explain your passion for the sport of rodeo.

The application form and essay need to be received by February 1, 2017 and mailed to Cindy Markham.

**Cindy Markham
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