

EARN REWARDS FOR DOING

What You Love

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Varsity Reining Club (VRC) has been an online community that NRHyA members have been a part of since 2007. VRC is an online club that allows members to earn points and prizes by submitting activities and community service that they complete. Some of the activities they can submit are photography, helping at local shows, art work and good grades, just to name a few.

With VRC being a huge part of many NRHyA members' experience, it comes as no surprise that Aubrey Reynolds, a junior at Lyman High School in Lyman, Wyoming, dedicates a lot of her time toward activities that benefit her and can be applied to the VRC program.

"Being involved in VRC has ultimately changed my life," Reynolds said. "I love telling people about VRC and the benefits it has on NRHyA members. I love getting points for doing things that I love to do, like my artwork. I also enjoy getting points for going to youth meetings, telling people about our amazing sport and lending a helping hand wherever and whenever I can."

One of the biggest impacts that VRC can have on members is the scholarship money they can receive based on the number of points that they have accumulated by the end of the year. There are two categories of scholarships: Jr Varsity (13 & Under) and Varsity (14-18). These scholarships range from \$100-\$1,000. NRHA is proud of youth members and the opportunities that the VRC provides to them. Education in and out of the show pen is important, and rewarding the hard work put into both places



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Aubrey Reynolds

is a way to show appreciation to youth members.

Aubrey had been involved in reining for eight years. When asked what she would tell younger members to make the most out of their time in NRHyA, her main advice was to sign up for VRC.

"The program is incredible!" said Reynolds. "Being able to do all the things I love and receive points for it is awesome. From being involved in my Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter at school, to doing artwork and participating in

community service activities, it is just so cool that VRC rewards me for it."

Along with being involved in reining and a member of VRC, Aubrey is the vice president of her FFA Chapter at Lyman High School, where she excels in public speaking. She also is involved in the art program at her school and teaches children with special needs to ride horses, play soccer and other games.

If you are an active NRHyA youth member and would like to become involved, please go to varsityreining.com, create an account and start earning prizes! If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact Lerin Thomas, NRHyA youth programs advisor at lthomas@nrha.com. ♦



ARTWORK SUBMITTED TO VRC BY AUBREY REYNOLDS