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**April 2011**  
**NARHA Seeks Award Nominations**

**Denver** – Every year riders, instructors, volunteers and equines invest time and energy in continuously developing in the equine-assisted activities and therapies industry. So many people and equines spend hours in the sun and cold weather, in dusty barns and arenas to participate in this wonderful industry. The dedication of all these individuals and equines is outstanding, and NARHA would like to take this opportunity to honor those people.

Visit the NARHA website and [download the 2011 criteria and nomination forms](#) for our Volunteer, Equine, Instructor, Adult Equestrian, Independent Adult Equestrian, Youth Equestrian, Child Equestrian, Sis Gould, NARHA Horses for Heroes, EFL/EFP professional or James Brady awards to help us honor all those dedicated to this amazing industry.

Please read all criteria for each award carefully and be sure you submit a complete application for the award of your choice. Award nominations are due by May 16, 2011. Please have them postmarked by this date or submitted via email.

Send all nominations to Tara McChesney, NARHA, PO Box 33150 Denver, CO 80233 or email her at [tmcchesney@narha.org](mailto:tmcchesney@narha.org).

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About NARHA:

*NARHA, formerly North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At more than 800 member centers, a total of 42,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work, or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 24,000 volunteers, 2,000 instructors, 5,700 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.*