



Mustang Makeover Application

Original must be Mailed to:
North Dakota Horse Expo
2001 345th Ave SE,
Max, ND. 58759

Participation in this event is not guaranteed by completing this application. Applicants considered for this competition will be called for a phone interview. North Dakota Horse Expo (NDHE) has the right to determine eligibility, refuse or remove a contestant from the program and/or competition for any or no reason at all. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

- 1) Name: _____
- 2) Birthdate/age: _____
- 3) Mailing Address: _____
- 4) City/State/Zip: _____
- 5) Physical Address: _____
- 6) Phone 1 (home): _____
- 7) Phone 2 (cell): _____
- 8) Email Address: _____
- 9) Fax: _____
- 10) Sex: _____

**Trainers must be 18 years of age or older by February 29, 2019 to enter the contest.

Questionnaire: All questions must be completed.
Please feel free to use the reverse side and/or additional pages if necessary.
The North Dakota Horse Expo may complete a criminal background check on all applicants.

- 1) Have you ever been accused or convicted of animal or human abuse/neglect/cruelty? If yes, explain: _____
- 2) Have you previously competed in a Mustang Makeover competition? If yes, what year(s) and location(s)? _____
- 3) Are you a professional trainer or have you received compensation for training? _____
- 4) How many years have you trained horses? _____
- 5) Have you trained an untamed Mustang received directly from the BLM or other organization (not a Mustang that had previous gentling or training)? _____
- 6) Do you compete in horse-related events? If yes, which disciplines/breeds do you compete in? _____
- 7) Have you won awards and/or recognition in these disciplines? If yes, please list: _____

- 8) Do you or a family member own the facility where you will be training the Mustang? If not, what is the address of the facility where your Mustang will be trained?

- 9) Reference forms are included in this application. Your application will not be considered until our office receives three completed reference forms. Examples for references include veterinarians, clients, industry professionals/associates or anyone else who can attest to your animal welfare and horse training abilities (not family members).
- 10) INCLUDE a headshot photo of yourself to be used for promotional purposes. You must email it to kayceesmassage2@outlook.com. your photo you must include your name in the body of the email. Photo must be received within a week of application. This photo will be viewable by the public.
- 11) Provide a short 3-5 sentence personal biography to be used for promotional and selection purposes. Use the back of this page if necessary. This bio will be viewable by the public.

- 12) Provide a short 3-5 sentence paragraph on why you feel you should be selected for this competition.

- 13) COMPLETE and SUBMIT the attached 1) Facility Form, 2) Humane Treatment Policy and 3) Three Trainer Reference Forms. 4) Signed Horse Rules and Regulations.
- 14) Please note: 2 horse trailers with a non removable dividers OR trailers equipped with a drop ramp WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR PICKUP.
- 15) Once trainers have been approved the trainer must sign a adoption care agreement form with the BLM.
- 16) How did you hear about the NDHE Mustang Makeover (family/friend, website, publication, etc.):

By signing below I am stating that: 1) I am aware and in agreement that participation in this event is of my own free will and I assume any and all risks or expenses involved with participation in this event. 2) NDHE has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from the event or competition for any or no reason at all. 3) I am also stating that all questions above have been answered truthfully and that I have read, agree with and will adhere to the NDHE Horse Rules & Regulations. 4) I am aware that the NDHE May run a criminal or background check.

Applicant's Signature: _____
Date: _____

2019 NDHE & BLM FACILITY REQUIREMENT FORM

Trainer Name: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail address: _____ Date: _____

1) How many horses/burros are at the facility location? _____

Describe your facility and transportation to be used for the Mustang

a) Corral - Dimension: Length: _____ Width: _____ Height of Corral: _____

Gate Height: _____ Gate Width: _____ Materials used in

Corral: _____ Materials used in Gate: _____

b) Shelter - Dimension: Length: _____ Width: _____

Maximum Height: _____ Minimum height: _____ Gate height: _____ Gate width:

_____ Materials used in Shelter: _____

Attached to corral? Yes _____ No _____ If not attached, how is it accessible:

c) Feed - Type of hay or pasture: _____ How much per day:

Supplemental feed: _____

d) Water - Tank capacity (gallons): _____ Automatic water - Y / N

Source of water: Well ___ City ___ Other: _____

Describe other water: _____

e) Trailer - ****two horse trailers with a non removable divider OR trailers equipped with a drop ramp WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR PICKUP****

Brand name and year (if known): _____

Animal capacity: _____

Type: Stock _____ Slant _____ Other (describe) _____

Interior Length _____

Interior Width _____ Interior height _____ Covered with _____

Number of rear doors: _____ Ramp Y / N. Rear doors: (circle one) Full height, Half height, 3/4 height.

Draw a map to location where horse will be kept (from the nearest major highway)

Draw a detailed layout of the corral and shelter where the horse will be kept.

NDHE & BLM Humane Treatment Policy

Every Mustang and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a Mustang in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the North Dakota Horse Expo or BLM) may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's horse enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents a horse with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by NDHE event Veterinarians and Clinicians) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs.

The following list includes but is not limited to examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- 1) No horse appearing to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited.
- 2) Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- 3) Any inhumane treatment that results in wounds.
- 4) Additionally, NDHE and BLM promote and encourage the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and Mustang handling methods:
 - Horse and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding
 - A calm and willing partnership between horse and trainer, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phases
 - Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the horse during all phases of training, competition, and repositioning if applicable.
 - Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between horse and trainer.
 - Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between horse and trainer

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the NDHE Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in NDHE Mustang Makeover events. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege of competing at NDHE & BLM-sponsored events, and may also lose the privilege of any future adoptions of Mustang horses. I acknowledge that I am participating in an equine event and accept any and all risks involved (personal and financial) with taking part in this event. As stated in North Dakota Century code: 53-10-01 definitions and 53-10-02. " an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity, and, except as provided in subsection 2, no participant or participant's representative may maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity."

I, (please print) _____ hereby have read the NDHE Horse Rules and Regulations and agree to all terms listed above on this date of, _____ and am aware of any and all risks to myself (personal and financial) and my horse(s) and agree not to hold NDHE or NDSFC responsible or liable for any injury or death surrounding this event. I am aware that if I shall place First in this event I will be given the option of keeping the Mustang, or accepting 100% proceeds of the winning auctioned Mustang. The choice must be made to keep the Mustang before the auction. I am aware that if I shall be runner up in the event I will receive 50% of the proceeds of the auctioned Mustang. I am aware that if I place 3rd to 6th I will receive a consolation prize. I am aware that I will be provided a stall for the Mustang at the event free of charge as well as 2 event passes.

Trainer's Signature: _____

TRAINER REFERENCE FORM

Three References must be submitted with each application. Each reference will be contacted by a North Dakota Horse Expo representative. Three attempts will be made per reference to be contacted. If the reference is unavailable the trainer will have 72 hours upon notice of unavailability of reference to provide a replacement.

Name of Trainer Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Ref. Phone 1: _____

Ref. phone 2: _____

Best day/time availability for reference call: _____

Ref. Email Address: _____

1. How long have you known this trainer? _____

2. How often do you see this trainer ride or work horses? _____

3. Do you feel that their facilities are suitable for working with a wild horse? _____

4. Do you have any concerns about the horses in the care of this trainer? _____

5. Would you recommend this trainer to people with unbroken or difficult horses? _____

6. Personal Comments Regarding skill, work ethic, values, etc. _____

7. Why do you think trainer should be considered for this event? _____

I, (please print) _____ attest that the information I have provided is truthful and given of my own free will in support of the trainer listed above. I am unaware of this trainer ever being convicted of animal cruelty. I would attest that the trainer listed above has never been subject to any suspicious negative human or animal treatment, and to my knowledge the trainer does not possess personal behavior issues which would cause the animal to be subject to psychological harm or injury.

Signed: _____

Date: _____