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NARHA offers scholarships to the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting

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Denver—NARHA announced today that it has opened the application process for scholarships to the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting, November 18-21 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Targeted at the ever-growing field of equine assisted activities and therapies (EAAT), the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting features an impressive array of educational sessions presented by industry experts. It culminates with the annual awards banquet which is designed to celebrate the innovation, diligence and sometimes miraculous accomplishments in the EAAT industry. The Horse Expo and Friday keynote luncheon are perennial highlights.

The Scholarship application deadline is August 3, and applications can be downloaded from the conference page at www.narha.org. This year NARHA will offer 13 full conference registration fee waivers and 13 partial conference registration waivers to members selected from all 11 NARHA regions in the United States and Canada, as well as from several countries across the Atlantic or Pacific. Scholarships are a wonderful way to get acquainted with the work and people of the EAAT field, to ease a member's first NARHA National Conference, to make the conference a highlight for a college or university student, to make a volunteer feel truly special, to reduce the cost of an American conference for a person from overseas.

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About NARHA:

NARHA was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At almost 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 riding, 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



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activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 30,000 volunteers, 3,500 instructors, 6,300 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.