

Cuesta Cougars,

July 12, 2018

We have attached a NIRA interactive application electronically signed by Clint Pearce, Cuesta College Rodeo Coach. This was done so that YOU can fill it out online, print it out and send it directly to the NIRA this summer. This should be done prior to our general membership meeting where we will be filling out and signing yet more paperwork. **Please take care of your NIRA membership ASAP.** I will be entering all Cuesta Students in our first two rodeos towards the beginning of September, all NIRA membership dues and paperwork must be in and complete before then.

Membership Dues-

Dues for the 2017-2018 NIRA year are \$260 (\$95/membership, \$120/ medical insurance (excess), \$10/ Foundation, and \$8/ publication, \$2 premium, and \$25 award assessment. Students attending a non- member college or university will pay an additional \$5 for support of the Rawhide Program. (If your college or university is not listed on the back of the 2014-2015 NIRA Individual Membership application, and/or is not a member school at the time an individual application is received by the NIRA National Office, the additional \$5 must be paid.)

Note: Cuesta is a "member college", so you do not need to worry about the back of the NIRA form or pay the additional \$5.00 for the Rawhide Program.

Application Requirements

All students under the age of 21 must have the signature of parent(s) or guardian(s) on their application prior to approval.

Returning Cuesta Students

-Complete application

- Enclose a **money order** or **cashier's check** for the membership fee. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED**
- Log onto your My Cuesta Portal <https://my.cuesta.edu/cp/home/displaylogin> and request an official set of your most current transcripts be sent **DIRECTLY** to the NIRA office address (address below). You can type the NIRA address right into the transcript request.
- Please be sure and obtain **official transcripts from any other institution** you may have taken college courses through since last year and have them sent to the NIRA Office.
- Enclose signed **Certificate of Clearance**
- If you have already turned your transcripts in from the spring (2018 CNFR contestants) you are not required to send a second set, **unless you took Summer school**, in which case you will need to send transcripts from the Summer semester.

Incoming Freshmen and Transfers

-Complete application

- Enclose a **money order** or **cashier's check** for the membership fee. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED**
- Freshmen, complete the **high school affidavit form** (included) or **send an official high school transcript with the graduation date indicated** on the transcript. Affidavit must be signed by your college registrar or your high school principal.
- Please be sure and obtain **official transcripts from any other institution** (college credit courses) you may have taken as well.
- Enclose signed **Certificate of Clearance**

All required documentation and money must be in the NIRA National Office and processed before a current NIRA number will be issued. **NO PERSON MAY ENTER AND COMPETE IN A NIRA APPROVED RODEO IF ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MET BY REGIONAL DEADLINES.**

It can take up to three or four weeks to get you your NIRA membership cards issued so please get your applications in the mail today!

If you have any questions, the NIRA website is very helpful and the people in the office are very easy to work with. Please feel free to call me with any questions at all as well! Connie Pearce 805-431-7661 or Clint Pearce 805-748-9097.

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