

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.

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

### **NIRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Dues for the 2019-2020 NIRA year are \$270 (\$105/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 2019-2020 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.) **As a reminder, insurance coverage for students does not start until August 1<sup>st</sup> if applications are sent before that date. For applications received after August 1, insurance coverage starts with the postmark date.**

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

#### **First Year Members**

- An application must be completed and signed (with parent/guardian signatures as required.)
- Official verification of high school graduation date or date that general education degree was obtained must be enclosed.
- Official transcript(s) from each institution attended must be enclosed if student has attended any college/university. Official transcripts must also be enclosed for any college courses that were taken while still in high school. No copies of transcripts will be accepted. They must be hard copy official, sent through the mail.
- Students attending a non-member college or university will pay an additional \$5 for support of the Rawhide Program.
- Certificate of Clearance must be enclosed.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Year Members**

- An application must be completed and signed (with parent/guardian signatures as required.)
- Official transcript(s) from each institution attended must be enclosed in order to complete the processing of the application. No copies of transcripts will be accepted. They must be hard copy official transcripts, sent through the mail.
- Students attending a non-member college or university will pay an additional \$5 for support of the Rawhide program.
- Certificate of Clearance must be enclosed.

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.**

Applicants placed on **HOLD** will be notified by letter and the NIRA member school faculty advisor and regional faculty director will be notified by e mail of the reason(s) for the **HOLD** status.

Due to the immense number of applicants in the fall, you should allow a minimum of three (3) weeks from the date application is mailed to the NIRA National Office to receive membership card, and insurance information. Verify with the faculty director of your region as to the master entry list deadline for rodeos. In order to be processed for the master entry list, an application must be received by our office at least 24 hours prior to that deadline.

### **NIRA CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**Club dues for the 2018-2019 rodeo season are \$300.** Any school sponsoring a NIRA approved rodeo must be a NIRA member. Any school with five or more NIRA student members will be notified by the NIRA National Office when the fifth individual applies for NIRA membership.

**NO RODEO TEAM POINTS WILL BE COUNTED UNTIL CLUB DUES ARE PAID. ALL STUDENT MEMBERS WILL BE CONSIDERED OFF TEAM UNTIL SUCH DUES ARE PAID.**

### **RULE BOOKS 2019-2020**

A 2019-2020 NIRA Rule Book will be sent to each rodeo advisor/coach by mid August. Individual members can find our 2019-2020 NIRA Rule Book on our website at [www.collegerodeo.com](http://www.collegerodeo.com). Rulebooks are available through our office for an additional \$10.

### **LETTER OF INTENT**

All students who receive financial aid from the school's rodeo program and participate in NIRA rodeos are encouraged to sign a Letter of Intent with the institution he/she is attending or plans to attend. This agreement is for the protection of the student and the institution. If a Letter of Intent is signed, a copy should be filed with the NIRA National Office. Letters of Intent are not enforceable without being on file in the national office.

### **ELIGIBILITY FORM**

The NIRA National Office must have an official transcript in hand at the beginning of each term. Terms are completed after each semester or quarter. Each region has their own specific closing dates, which can be found on our website ([www.collegerodeo.com](http://www.collegerodeo.com)) Students are responsible for ensuring these transcripts are sent to the NIRA National Office in a timely manner. If the official transcripts are not received in our office before a Master Entry List is scheduled, the student will not be eligible to compete at that particular rodeo.

### **PATCH PROGRAM**

All patch agreements must be approved by the NIRA National Office before contestant is allowed to wear patches in the arena.

The NIRA National Office staff is here to provide assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Our summer office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. Beginning August 19, 2019, our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. If you need additional forms, you may contact your regional faculty director, regional student director, or the NIRA National Office or download them off of our website. ([www.collegerodeo.com](http://www.collegerodeo.com)).