

My name is Derick Tipton and I am seeking the position of RMHA Director of Examiners. I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you cast your vote for me in the upcoming RMHA election of officers.

Please allow me to tell you a little about myself. I am married to Anna Dennis Tipton, who is a Farm Bureau agent in Powell County. Together we have 3 children, Kaylee, Kolby and Jackson. We live on the same farm that I was raised on. This farm has been in my family since the early 1800's and has always had a herd of horses running on it. My grandfather often speaks of his father checking the crops and cattle from horseback and that he always rode a smooth, gaited horse. I inherited a love for horses and from a very early age; I knew that I would always work with horses. I have never worked at any other job and have professionally devoted nearly all of my years to the breeding, training, and promotion of the Rocky Mountain Horse. Their heritage and breeding is very important to me. I realize that: without truly devoted people to uphold the breed standards, we will no longer have the unique breed of horse that we all know and love. Their gait, temperament, and beauty **must always** be preserved.

I have been involved in several capacities within the Rocky Mountain Horse Association. I have been showing and trail riding since the age of five. I have been a certified examiner since I was 18 years old. I have served on several RMHA committees/board and I was part of the original Rocky Mountain Drill team promoting the Rocky Mountain Horse throughout the United States. Horses have always been a major part of mine and my family's life. I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to see that they continue to be a large part of future generations.

I have served in the capacity of Director of Examiners for the past 3 years. I would like to continue working and serving in this capacity. I assure you that I will work hard to see that we have qualified, honest and dedicated examiners who will uphold the breed standards and put forth every effort to see that this breed continues to thrive. The vote you cast will be a vote toward the successful future of the breed. I have three good reasons to insure this...Kaylee, Kolby and Jackson.

Thank you in advance,

Derick Tipton