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San Antonio, TX- McKenzie Mullins of Gordon, TX was awarded the first place \$10,000 San Antonio Livestock Exposition Inc. scholarship in NCHA cutting. McKenzie is 17 and competed in the Youth 18 & Under as well as the Non-Pro Cutting events held February 2- 4, 2008 at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo horse show.

The scholarship was given to McKenzie as she was the rider with the top average score out of the two youth classes with her horse, Belles N Bullets (B.B.). However, McKenzie isn't new to the winner's circle. In addition to winning the youth cutting scholarship McKenzie has been inducted into the NCHA Non-Pro Hall of Fame with B.B. as one of her main horses. She also holds Jr. Youth World Champion and Non-Pro Reserve World Champion titles. McKenzie states that cutting is her life, but in her free time she enjoys mudding on four-wheelers and is a member of Graham St. Church of Christ. When asked her thoughts on winning, she replied that she felt so blessed and honored and that she still had a smile on her face.

McKenzie would like to thank her entire family for their support in everything she does. She says that she wouldn't be who she was without her family and God. McKenzie would also like to send special thanks out to all of her help.

To date, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo educational commitment exceeds \$79 million with a record \$7.6 million committed in 2007 in the form of scholarships, grants, endowments, auctions, a calf scramble program and show premiums paid to youth. Awards and scholarships for this year will add more than 300 new scholars to the

program. Currently, there are more than 1,000 active scholarship recipients. Our scholarships are represented by students in 65 colleges and universities throughout Texas. For more information on the Horse Show Events and youth scholarships, please contact the Horse Show Office at 210-225-1309 or email horse@sarodeo.com.