

# Youth Candidate Workbook

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## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your decision to campaign to represent the American Quarter Horse Youth Association! We are excited you want to be more involved in your AQHYA experience and have the desire to play an active role in the rule and decision-making processes of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Being an AQHYA Officer (Youth Executive Committee) or Regional Director is a fun experience, but also a serious one. These elected individuals represent the eleven regions of AQHYA and every member who resides within them. No matter what position (either officer or director), representing AQHYA's parent organization, the American Quarter Horse Association, is the most important.

This workbook begins with basic horse knowledge worksheets and then progresses to more in-depth worksheets involving many facets of the AQHA. The answers can be found in the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations or in the Campaign Guidelines.

Remember to be resourceful if you run into any terms that you don't find in the resources listed above.

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## Worksheet 1

Fill in the blank with the correct office

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ shall, in the absence, disability or inability to act of the president, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president, and shall perform such other duties as the president shall prescribe from time to time. The vice president will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association, subject to the direction of the Board of Delegates, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Delegates. The president shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the AQHA and AQHYA Executive Committees. The president shall submit to the members annually at their meeting a report of the status of the association and its activities during the preceding year. No delegate of AQHYA may be elected to serve more than one year as president. Once the AQHYA Officer has served a term as president, they are ineligible to serve in any other electable offices, but may be elected to serve as a Director. In order to be eligible to run for President of AQHYA, a member must have previously served at least one year as an AQHYA Director or Officer. The president shall have such other and further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in this constitution or from time to time by the Board of Delegates. The president will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected. The president will serve on the Youth Activities Committee for two years; as president of AQHYA and as immediate past president.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the responsibility of examining the financial need of specific projects and needs of AQHYA, and reporting those costs to the Board of Delegates. He or she shall be made aware of the continuing status of membership growth and corresponding payment of dues. The treasurer will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the responsibility of maintaining order at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Delegates in accordance with parliamentary procedure, in addition to preparing meeting rooms and facilities for the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Delegates. The sentinel may also be required to fill those duties that may from time to time be prescribed by the president. The sentinel will also be responsible for compiling an annual scrapbook for AQHYA. In addition, the sentinel will serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ shall attend all meetings of the -members and of the Board of Delegates, and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of AQHYA to be kept for that purpose. He or she shall perform like duties for the committees when requested to do so. The secretary shall have the principal responsibility to give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Board of Delegates and the members, but this shall not lessen the authority of others to give such notice as provided in this constitution. The secretary shall maintain communication between the Executive Committee and the AQHA Senior Manager of Youth Activities. The secretary will also serve as the Executive Committee regional representative of the region(s) from which he/she was elected.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ is not an electable office and can only be occupied for a one-year term by the previous year's AQHYA president. The immediate past president will not serve on the AQHYA Executive Committee but shall have the responsibility of serving a one-year term on the youth activities committee and assist as a mentoring liaison between the AQHYA Executive Committee and the AQHA Youth Activities Committee.

## Worksheet 2

The objectives and purposes of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as AQHYA, shall be as follows:

- a. To improve and promote the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. To improve and develop the \_\_\_\_\_ of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of American Quarter Horses.
- c. To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and \_\_\_\_\_ and participation of young equestrians.
- d. To encourage \_\_\_\_\_ character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members.
- e. To establish a means whereby youth members may work in \_\_\_\_\_ with AQHA Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Committee.
- f. To \_\_\_\_\_ subsidiary youth affiliates composed of members of AQHYA.
- g. To acquaint youth members and affiliates with the parent organization, \_\_\_\_\_, its structure and functions.
- h. To use \_\_\_\_\_ and character to provide a future for our horse.

### Worksheet 3

Five reasons you should be a member of the AQHA family:

\_\_\_\_\_ The award-winning, official publication of AQHA brings compelling stories, informative training articles, important industry news and more straight to your mailbox 10 times a year.

\_\_\_\_\_ AQHA members can enjoy the thrill and excitement of competing in the many competitive events AQHA offers, from halter to jumping and everything in between. Check out the show schedule for details!

\_\_\_\_\_ Earn awards for the time you spend in the saddle. This program is offered exclusively for AQHA members. Don't have an American Quarter Horse? That's OK. You can enroll in the \_\_\_\_\_ and watch the rewards roll in.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your AQHA membership is worth about \$350, thanks to the generous discounts and offers of our AQHA \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ AQHA members can get all the information they need on a particular horse or competitor with \_\_\_\_\_. Shop for a new horse, check out a stallion's breeding performance, evaluate your showing competition and more. AQHA members enjoy complementary records research each month.

## Worksheet 4

### Breed History

T or F - Spanish mythology records the epic exploits of a wonderful winged horse named Pegasus.

T or F - Foaled in Kentucky, a descendent of the great Sir Archy, Steel Dust came to Texas as a yearling in 1844.

T or F - His progeny and his legend spread as cowboys drove Herefords up the trails from Texas and opened the Great Plains to ranching.



T or F - The name Steel Dust came to identify an entire breed of horse; they were called “Steeldusts,” the cowboy’s favorite kind. They were heavy-muscled horses, marked with small ears, a big jaw, remarkable intelligence and lightning speed up to a quarter of a mile. Steel Dust was an American Quarter Horse. He and his kind would achieve fame in proportions every bit as magnificent as that of the mythical Pegasus.

T or F - The origins of the breed can be traced to the United Kingdom. When our forefathers weren’t dumping tea in the Boston Harbor and fighting Indians or Redcoats, they did enjoy a horse race.

T or F - Colonial farmers down in the Carolinas and Virginia began to trade for a faster horse that was being bred by the Chickasaw Indians. These quick Indian ponies were Spanish Barbs. This was a type of horse produced from the cross of the North African Barb and native Spanish stock following the Moorish invasion of Spain, which began in the year 710.

T or F - The Spanish Barbs were crossed with the Colonists’ Thoroughbreds as early as 1611. Over the next 150 years, the product of this breeding would come to be known as the “Celebrated American Quarter Running Horse.”

T or F - The term “Quarter” refers to the distance, a quarter of a mile, most commonly run in Colonial racing, often on the main streets of small villages.

T or F - In 1752, James Randolph of Virginia imported a grandson of The Godolphin Arabian, called Janus. When Janus was bred to Colonial mares, the result was the prototype of the American Quarter Horse.

T or F - . “Compactness of form, strength and power” were the traits associated with the get and progeny of Janus.

T or F - The thoroughbred horses echoed a pioneer experience. They were quick, tough and hardy – traits necessary and suited to life on a wilderness frontier. They could carry a man about his business all week long and then race hard on the weekend.

T or F - The Quarter Horse moved west with the men who craved wide-open spaces, to the Midwest, to Texas and out onto the Great Plains.

T or F - The final ingredient in the genetic formula that produced the Quarter Horse was to be found west of the Mississippi River. It was the Mustang. When crossed with the descendants of Janus, Sir Archy, Printer and Tiger, the western Mustang added the last important shot of hybrid vigor to complete the creation of a horse unique to America ... the American Quarter Horse.

T or F - Quarter-mile horse racing was as much a part of the early West as quilting bees and barn raising. From the farm country of Illinois and Ohio, over in the hills of Kentucky, Missouri and Maine, through the Indian Territory and the bayou country of Louisiana, and on down into Texas, men were ever ready to match their horses for a jug of corn whiskey, or real money.

T or F - In Texas, he also became a cow horse. For it was in Texas that the western range cattle industry had its origins, and it was the Quarter Horse that took farm boys out of cotton patches, made them into cowboys and carried them up the Longhorn trails into history.

T or F - The legendary Steel Dust came to Texas around 1844, and five years later, the great horse Shiloh also arrived. Shiloh's son Billy, out of a daughter of Steel Dust, became the fountainhead of Texas Quarter Horses.

T or F - Coke Blake spent a lifetime improving the Cold Deck strain of Steel Dust and Billy horses. His greatest horse was a grandson of the original Cold Deck, Tubal Cain, who Blake said, had the "eye of an eagle and the step of a deer."

T or F - Dan Casement, of Kansas and Colorado, had a foundation horse called Concho Colonel, a descendent of the Billy horse line that goes back to Steel Dust and Shiloh. Casement He was to become an instrumental figure in organizing the American Quarter Horse Association.

T or F - Ott Adams and George Clegg, both of whom believed that speed was the essential quality in a Quarter Horse, whether you ran on the track or roped steers in the pasture or arena.

T or F- Adams' two most famous horses were Big Joe, by Traveler, and his son, Joe Moore.

T or F - Clegg's greatest horses were crosses of the Billy line with great stallion Peter McCue. Using the Billy line of Rondo mares, Clegg bred such horses as Old Sorrel, the foundation sire of the King Ranch Quarter Horses.

T or F - William Anson was born in England, grew up around fine horses and was a good polo player. At the age of 21, Anson came to America and established a ranch near Christoval, Texas. He was fascinated by the quick, smart cow horses with which he came in contact and began to trace their origins. Anson published the first information that linked the western cow horse to its Colonial beginnings.

T or F - During the Civil War, Anson bought horses all over Texas for sale to the British government. This gave him the opportunity to put together a good band of Quarter Horse mares for himself, which he bred to his Billy horse, Jim Ned, and Harmon Baker, a son of [Peter McCue](#).

T or F - Samuel Watkins of the Little Grove Stock Farm in Illinois, bred Jack Traveler, a son of Steel Dust, to June Bug, Steel Dust's half-sister, and got the great mare Butt Cut.

T or F - Watkins bred Clear Cut to Barney Owens, a son of Cold Duck which was himself a Steel Dust-Shiloh cross, and got a colt he named Dan Tucker. It was from Watkins that many of the great Texas breeders got their foundation horses. Harmon Baker, Hickory Bill and the fabulous Peter McCue all came from Little Grove Stock Farm in Illinois.

T or F - Coke T. Roberts was another man who kept the faith when it came to preserving the original blood. He acquired a fine band of Steel Dust mares and, after moving back to Colorado, bred them to his stallion, Old Fred, which traced back to Steel Dust and Shiloh.

T or F - Roberts was also the last owner of the great Watkins horse, Peter McCue.

## Worksheet 5

As a member of the Leadership Team of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, the first and foremost objective is for you

\_\_\_\_\_.

Once elected, you must be willing and able to \_\_\_\_\_ not listed as an unaccompanied minor.

Being an AQHYA officer or director is perhaps one of \_\_\_\_\_ you will ever have, and hopefully, one of the most fun. However, it's important that while you are serving you keep in mind one very important guideline of your constitution.

If you will refer to Section 2, d of the AQHYA Constitution which is listed above, you will find it reads:

" \_\_\_\_\_."

Also, Article VII of the AQHYA Constitution, as passed by the AQHA Executive Committee at its May 1992 meetings, provides for the \_\_\_\_\_ of an officer for cause detrimental to the interest of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

As an officer, you are charged with upholding every section of the constitution to the best of your ability. Therefore, it must be understood that at no time will you partake in the

\_\_\_\_\_ while you are representing the American Quarter Horse Youth Association as an officer or director. Upon discovery or should it be reported to the Manager of Youth Programs that you were involved in such activities or any other activities unbecoming that of a members of AQHYA's Executive Committee or Board of Directors, you will face any disciplinary action deemed necessary by the AQHA Executive Committee or the AQHA Youth Activities Committee chair and vice chair.

## Worksheet 6

Short Answer Essay:

What are the deadlines for candidate nominations and candidate speeches?

Essay (500 words or less)

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and Why?