

What is Leadership AQHA?

- A development program to identify and train future leaders and volunteers for the AQH industry

What is the purpose of Leadership AQHA?

- To identify and train future leaders/volunteers for AQHA and its affiliates
- To provide future leaders/volunteers more knowledge about various areas of the industry
- To educate promising leaders/volunteers on path options in the industry
- To keep promising people involved in the association's future
- To maximize the talents of the many leaders/volunteers within our industry

What is the Leadership AQHA Curriculum?

- No enrollment fee and twenty-four month program beginning June 2008
 - Year 1 – Hands on training through projects and events
 - Year 2 – Continued development and mentoring to next class
- Training session at AQHA Headquarters (tentative: July 28-30) – hotel/airfare at AQHA expense
- Participation in online training and projects. There are minimum requirements for level of participation.
- Attend industry activities as possible (i.e. Convention, Racing Conference, World Shows, Trail Rides, Regional Experiences, Youth Excellence Seminar, Affiliate Management Workshop, Novice Shows) – travel at participant expense
- Assist AQHA with special outreach efforts in your area (i.e. riding clubs, 4-H, open shows)

Participant Requirements

- Must be a current AQHA member in good standing
- Must not be enrolled in an institution of higher learning and be able to travel
- Must have access to the internet and have a workable email address
- Fulfill all projects, reports and requirements in order to graduate

What is Expected of Your Representative(s) Post-Program?

- Remain in contact with AQHA and be available for future projects in the industry
- Work in conjunction with AQHA to accomplish priority goals
- Assist (as available) in the training of future Leadership AQHA classes
- Be aware of path options and have a better understanding of how to reach their personal goals in the industry
 - AQHA Affiliates
 - AQHA Standing Committees
 - AQHA Task Forces
 - AQHA National Directorships
- Possibly serve on an AQHA standing committee (pending appointment by the AQHA president)

How Do I Apply?

- Submit the attached application (Questions? Email: leadership@aqha.org)
- Application deadline is June 13, 2008

Applications for the 2008 class must be received in the AQHA office by June 13, 2008.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- < Please type or print in blue or black ink.
- < Complete the application in the spaces provided, additional attachments will not be accepted.
- < Please send reference letters and a photo with your application (photo will not be returned).

AQHA I.D. #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax # (if applicable): _____

Please answer the following questions below, using only the spaces provided.

Are you currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning? Yes No

Please indicate your area(s) of interest: Racing / Showing / Youth / Recreational Riding
Ranching / Breeding / Education / Public Policy

AQHA or AQHYA ACTIVITIES

List the AQHA or AQHYA state/provincial/international Affiliate you have been or are a member of:

Affiliate _____ Year(s) _____

Please indicate any AQHA or AQHYA programs in which you have participated:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AQHYA Officer or Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Association of Professional Horsemen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AQHYA Leadership Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeder Referral Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AQHYA Racing Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Management Workshop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AQHA Convention | <input type="checkbox"/> AQHA Racing Conference |

EQUINE/AGRICULTURE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

In the space below, list any equine-related clubs or activities in which you have participated:

List any leadership roles you have held through your equine-related activities:

List any awards/scholarships you have received through your equine involvement:

List any equine or agriculture-related jobs you have held:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

College/University you attended: _____

Major: _____

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

List any leadership roles you have held through your non-equine related activities:

Why are you interested and willing to participate in Leadership AQHA?

What do you expect to learn from this experience?

How will this experience influence your future goals in the horse industry?

List your current employer:

REFERENCES:

- Letters of reference are recommended
- Use attached form to indicate contact information for references

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted for consideration. If you have any questions regarding the eligibility or requirements for Leadership AQHA, please email leadership@aqha.org or call (806) 378-4711.

VERIFICATION BY

I hereby certify the statements recorded in this application are true and accurate. I meet all requirements set by the American Quarter Horse Association. I understand if any statement presented in this application is untrue, I may be disqualified.

If selected as a recipient, I understand I may be listed as a Leadership AQHA participant in *America's Horse*, *The American Quarter Horse Journal*, *The American Quarter Horse Racing Journal* and aqha.com.

I understand that attendance is vital to successful completion of **Leadership AQHA** and will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program.

My signature of acceptance: _____
Signature of Applicant *Date*

**COMPLETE AND RETURN APPLICATION AND SUPPORT MATERIALS
BY JUNE 13, 2008, TO:**

American Quarter Horse Association
Attn: Leadership AQHA
1600 Quarter Horse Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79104
Fax: (806) 349-64009

REFERENCES (letters of reference are recommended)

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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