

## AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE HALL OF FAME

Without a doubt, to be inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame is AQHA's most prestigious honor bestowed on an individual, whether person or horse. Yet, it seems many members are unaware of how individuals are chosen for this great tribute.

*Anyone* can nominate an individual. If you have a horse or person in mind who you think is deserving of Hall of Fame status, here are the basic facts and the steps necessary to begin the process - and it's easy as one, two, three.

### **STEP 1 – CRITERIA**

The first thing to consider is whether the individual fits the *criteria* for induction into the Hall of Fame.

#### **PERSON**

1. Inductee into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame must have been outstanding over a period of years either as a breeder, competitor, or contributor to the American Quarter Horse.
2. Inductee should have been a member of AQHA if his or her activities were during the existence of AQHA.
3. Inductee may be either living or deceased.

#### **HORSE**

1. Inductee into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame must have been outstanding for a period of years as a sire, dam, competitor, or must have brought exceptional visibility to the American Quarter Horse.
2. Inductee must be registered either as an American Quarter Horse or Thoroughbred.
3. Inductee must be deceased.

If you're convinced you have a qualified candidate, then the next step is nomination. Keep in mind, individuals selected for induction usually have name recognition and are well known to the masses. Unfortunately, those individuals who have Hall of Fame status in our hearts, but are unknown to most, will probably not be selected.

### **STEP 2 – NOMINATION PROCESS**

Here are some helpful hints when completing the forms:

- Complete the form in its entirety.
- Most of what you submit will be copied for the Hall of Fame Selection Committee members, so the material should be legible and on standard size 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- More is not always better. Large volumes of material or scrapbooks cannot be copied for the committee. The information will be available for review at their meeting, but experience has proven there is not enough time to look at all the material.
- Information pertaining to the criteria is more important than photos and copies of ads. (Photos are needed later if individual is selected.)
- Personal letters of recommendation from others are helpful, but not if copies of the *same* letter or information are just signed by different people.
- AQHA will research the latest summary of breeder, owner and horse records for each nominee and add to the material. We also will research AQHA publications for past

articles written on the individual, and add to the material, if not included with the nomination.

### **STEP 3 – REVIEW PROCESS**

Here's what happens to your nomination:

- Nominations are due each year by December 1 to be considered by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee at the next AQHA convention meeting in March. Nomination information is sent to the committee members prior to their meeting in March. (*Note: New nominations received each year will be screened by a Hall of Fame subcommittee, and those considered not meeting minimum Hall of Fame criteria may not be placed on the ballot.*)
- Nominees will automatically remain *on* the ballot for three (3) consecutive convention meetings, if not selected. (One-third of the committee changes each year.)
- If not selected after three years, the individual must remain *off* the ballot for at least three years before being eligible for re-nomination. Example-individual is considered 2004, 2005, 2006-off ballot 2007, 2008, 2009-but may be re-nominated before December 1, 2009 for consideration in 2010.
- Individuals selected for induction by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee must be approved by AQHA's Executive Committee.
- If nominee is selected for induction, they will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the AQHA convention the next year. Example: selected at 2004 convention-induction ceremony at 2005 convention.
- If selected for the Hall of Fame, the nominee or owner of the nominated horse, along with the nominator, will be notified in late April after the March convention meeting.

### **AUTOMATIC REVIEW PROCESS**

In addition to the Normal nomination process as explained above, there are two other methods by which an individual could be placed on the Hall of Fame ballot:

1. To ensure that older, deserving individuals worthy of Hall of Fame status are not forgotten, AQHA will research candidates 50 years ago or older who were influential to the growth of the association. The Hall of Fame subcommittee will review the list each year and may select candidates to be placed on the ballot.
2. Each year a list of individuals will be developed from "predetermined categories of accomplishment" and will be reviewed by the Hall of Fame subcommittee for possible inclusion on the ballot. A few examples of these categories are:
  - World Champion Racing American Quarter Horses
  - Leading sires and dams of AQHA Champions
  - World Show Superhorses
  - All-time Leading point earners
  - Leading breeders, trainers, jockeys

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**Hall of Fame Nominations**

Hall of Fame nomination deadline is **December 1**.

Send nomination package to: American Quarter Horse Association  
Attn: Barbara Linke  
1600 Quarter Horse Drive  
Amarillo, TX 79104

**Please enclose biographical information to support your nominee.**

Person

Horse – Please include horse’s date of death  
(Stallion)

(Mare)

(Gelding)

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Human Nominee Biographical Information

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Death (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

If nominee is deceased, the nearest living relative is:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting materials and suggested sources for reference in preparation of the nominee's biographical information include articles in *the American Quarter Horse Journal*, *The American Quarter Horse Racing Journal* and other periodicals; competition records of AQHA and other related organizations, such as NCHA and NRHA; reference letters from those who knew the nominee; and personal testament from the individual preparing the nomination.

**AQHA related activities, offices, honors:**

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**Most prominent American Quarter Horses owned and their achievements:**

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**Other equine industry activities, offices, honors:**

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**Other civic activities and honors:**

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**Other supporting information:**

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