



AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The American Quarter Horse Foundation provides scholarship applications to interested members of the American Quarter Horse Association and/or the American Quarter Horse Youth Association. Applications are sent directly to members upon request and are available on the Foundation web site at www.aqha.com/foundation/scholarships/wanttoapply.html.

Applications should be completed in full and must be typed or printed neatly in black or blue ink. Applications downloaded from the Foundation web site must be filled out and a hard copy returned to the Foundation Scholarship Office. Faxed applications *will not* be accepted. Incomplete or late applications *will not* be accepted for consideration.

Deadline for applications is January 2, 2007. The Foundation Scholarship Office must receive scholarship applications no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Applications must be sent to the American Quarter Horse Foundation, Scholarship Coordinator, 2601 East Interstate 40, Amarillo, TX 79104. Questions or inquiries may be directed to the Scholarship Coordinator at (806) 378-5034 or lowens@aqha.org.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility of applicants will be based on the individual criteria and requirements provided for each scholarship offered. A complete list of scholarships is enclosed.

**DO NOT ATTACH RESUMES; COMPLETE APPLICATION USING THE SPACE ALLOTTED.
DO NOT STAPLE APPLICATIONS; USE PAPER OR BINDER CLIPS TO SECURE ITEMS.
DO NOT PLACE APPLICATIONS IN BINDERS, FOLDERS OR PROTECTIVE SHEET COVERS.**

The following items must be included with each member's application. Applicants are ineligible if these support materials are not included by the scholarship deadline. Questions or concerns related to the submission of these items should be directed to the American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarship Office.

Financials: Members must provide financial information requested within the application. This information should be reported based on the applicant's parent(s) or guardian's income, unless the applicant is financially independent of parental financial support. Financial information must be accompanied by a recent federal income tax return. No attachments detailing business or household deductions are necessary. All applicant information is considered confidential and will not be shared with individuals outside the selecting committee.

United States citizens should provide copy of a completed federal income tax form(s) 1040, 1040A, etc. This document is generally two pages in length. Applicants are encouraged to black out confidential family member information such as Social Security number(s).

Canadian applicants should provide copy of a personal income tax return(s), which present a summary of total, taxable and net incomes. Applicants are encouraged to mark through confidential family member information such as social insurance or personal identification number(s).

Financial information reported in the application should reflect data in the submitted tax return. If your current year tax return has not been filed, please submit the previous year's return. Feel free to contact the scholarship office if you have any questions regarding the completion of this requirement.

Academics: Applicants must provide a recent school transcript. Transcripts should contain a scholastic average. This average must be expressed either as a numerical percentage, such as 97%, or as a ratio including the scale on which it is based, such as 3.88/4.0 scale. A copy of the school's grading system or a letter from a school official explaining the scale or grading system must accompany this application. Transcripts should also contain applicant's reported ACT and/or SAT scores, or an attachment providing these scores.

Applicants enrolled in advanced placement, dual credit and or college preparatory courses should provide an official transcript from each school the applicant is attending. All documents must have an official signature and or school seal.

Canadian applicants' transcripts should include a letter or documentation regarding grades, marks or the appropriate denotation for the school's scoring system. The letter must clearly state the system and ranking used to determine scoring. Canadian applicants should provide a report of any national college preparatory testing or a completed equivalent.

References: Members must include a maximum of three recent reference letters. Letters must be typewritten and include personal knowledge of the applicant's activities and how he or she knows the applicant. Reference providers must be at least 21 years of age. Letters written by the applicant's legal guardian, relative, AQHA or Foundation staff, officers or Executive Committee members and or committee spouses will not be accepted for consideration. However, letters written by an AQHA Director not directly associated with the selection process will be accepted. If you have any questions regarding the eligibility of a reference provider, please contact the scholarship office for details.

You will be asked to provide the name and or contact information of up to three references on your application. Ideally, these letter(s) should be from the reference providers listed in the application.

Residency: Members applying for scholarships awarded to residents of a specific state or region must provide proof of residency to verify eligibility. The applicant should provide a copy of his or her current driver's license for verification.

Affiliate Membership: Members submitting an application for scholarships requiring membership in an affiliate organization of the American Quarter Horse Association or American Quarter Horse Youth Association must provide evidence for verification. Evidence may be provided through copies of a current membership card, certificate or letter provided by an affiliate organization official.

Essay: Each applicant must include a typed essay or narrative. The applicant must prepare a cover page to include the member's name, address, date, and essay topic. These items should appear in the upper right hand corner of the cover sheet. Essays should be no more than two pages in length, not including the cover page, and must be double-spaced. The applicant's name and personal information should not appear on any page of the essay, other than the cover sheet.

The essay should clearly indicate the importance of a college education and career goals as well as personal insights about the need for the scholarship. Applicants may supply any information he or she believes is pertinent to the essays' importance.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship. However, only one scholarship will be awarded per recipient. To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, an applicant must meet the following criteria. Carefully read all criteria before completing an application. If you have any questions, please contact the scholarship office at (806) 378-5034 or lowens@aqha.org.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Number Available:	27	Duration of Funding:	Four years
Amount Awarded:	\$8,000	Membership Requirement:	3 or more yrs.

Funding will be awarded to members of AQHA/AQHYA who have completed a minimum of three years cumulative membership. Members must apply during their senior year of high school or home school equivalency. Applicants must rank within the upper 25% of their high school graduating class. Students currently enrolled as a first-year college freshman are not eligible for consideration. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

RACING SCHOLARSHIPS

Number Available:	Five	Duration of Funding:	Four years
Amount Awarded:	\$8,000	Membership Requirement:	Current

Funding will be awarded to members of AQHA/AQHYA who have experience within the racing industry or are seeking a career in the industry. Applicants seeking a career in the racing industry may specialize in veterinary medicine, racetrack management or other related fields. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

CAREER PATH SCHOLARSHIPS

Excellence in Equine/Agricultural Involvement Scholarship

Courtesy of the Charles B. Wang Foundation

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	Four years
Amount Awarded:	\$25,000	Membership Requirement:	One or more yrs.

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member who exemplifies the characteristics of leadership and excellence acquired through participation in equine and or agriculture activities. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average demonstrating academic proficiency. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Farm & Ranch Heritage Scholarship

Courtesy of the Charles B. Wang Foundation

Number Available:	Four	Duration of Funding:	Four years
Amount Awarded:	\$12,500	Membership Requirement:	One or more yrs.

A scholarship will be awarded to AQHA/AQHYA members from farming and or ranching backgrounds. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Education or Nursing Scholarship

Courtesy of Dr. Joni Hegel and Ray Roles

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	Four years
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Amount Awarded: \$10,000 Membership Requirement: One or more yrs.

The education or nursing scholarship will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member pursuing a degree in either education or nursing. Member must intend to practice as a teacher on record with proper certification or as a registered nurse, LVN, etc. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Telephony Equine Veterinary Scholarship

In memory of Alene T. Haines

Number Available: One Duration of Funding: One year
Amount Awarded: \$10,000 Membership Requirement: One or more yrs.

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA member in an equine veterinary medicine or surgery program who wishes to pursue an equine-focused veterinary practice. Applicants must be enrolled as a third year student when applying and provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Funding will be applied to student's last year of the veterinary program. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Journalism or Communications Scholarship

Courtesy of AQHA Publications

Number Available: One Duration of Funding: Four years
Amount Awarded: \$8,000 Membership Requirement: One year

A scholarship will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member pursuing a degree in journalism or communications. Recipient must intend to pursue career in news, editorial or print journalism and/or photojournalism. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled as a freshman at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Guy Stoops Professional Horsemen's Family Scholarship

Number Available: Two Duration of Funding: One year
Amount Awarded: \$500 Membership Requirement: Current

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA member whose parent is an AQHA Professional Horseman in good standing for three or more years. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average.

STATE/REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Swayze Woodruff Memorial Mid-South Scholarship

Number Available: One Duration of Funding: Four years
Amount Awarded: \$8,000 Membership Requirement: One year

Funding will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi or Tennessee. Applicants must compete in AQHA or AQHYA-approved shows. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Jay Pumphrey Animal Sciences Scholarship

Number Available: One Duration of Funding: Four years
Amount Awarded: \$2,500 Membership Requirement: Current

The Jay Pumphrey Animal Sciences Scholarship will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHHA member from Texas with a rural farming and or ranching background. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled in college. Applicant must major in animal science or a large animal-related degree through Tarleton State University or Texas A&M University. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency. Current or previous Foundation scholarship recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Dr. Gerald O'Connor Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Membership Requirement:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$2,000	Next Available:	2008
Duration of Funding:	Four years		

Funding will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHHA member from Michigan. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Nebraska Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Membership Requirement:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$2,000	Next Available:	2010
Duration of Funding:	Four years		

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHHA member from Nebraska. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency. Current or previous recipients are not eligible to reapply for this scholarship.

Joyce Wyatt Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Membership Requirement:	Current
Amount Awarded:	\$2,000	Next Available:	2010
Duration of Funding:	Four years		

Funding will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHHA member from Pennsylvania pursuing a career in an equine-related field. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or before freshman enrollment at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Oklahoma Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	Two	Duration of Funding:	Four years
Amount Awarded:	\$2,000	Membership Requirement:	One year

The Oklahoma Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship will be awarded to AQHA/AQHHA members from Oklahoma. Applicants must also be a current member of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association and must have maintained two or more years of membership. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Indiana Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$1,000	Membership Requirement:	One year

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHHA member from Indiana. Applicants must also be a current member of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association and must have maintained two or more

years of membership. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Joan Cain Florida Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$1,000	Membership Requirement:	Two yrs. or more

Funding will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member from Florida. Applicants must also be a current member of the Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association and maintained two or more years of membership. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Ray Melton Memorial Virginia Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$500	Membership Requirement:	One year

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member from Virginia. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$500	Membership Requirement:	One year

This scholarship will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member from Arizona who has experience within the racing industry or is seeking a career in the industry. Applicants seeking a career in the racing industry may specialize in veterinary medicine, racetrack management or other related fields. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Christopher Lawrence Junker Memorial Nebraska Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$500	Membership Requirement:	One year

Assistance will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member from Nebraska. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.

Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship

Number Available:	One	Duration of Funding:	One year
Amount Awarded:	\$500	Membership Requirement:	Current

The Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Scholarship will be awarded to an AQHA/AQHYA member from Arizona. Applicant may be a current or previous member of the Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Association. Members may apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Copies of a driver's license or voter registration must be submitted as proof of residency.