

WILLIAM R. VERDUGO



International Internship Program

Named for Past AQHA President William R. Verdugo, an international internship program has been developed for students wishing to further their knowledge and experience in the equine industry.

AQHA and AQHYA members have the opportunity to internationally share their passion for the American Quarter Horse with some of the industry's leading professionals. The American Quarter Horse Foundation, along with Joan Verdugo, would like to introduce the Bill Verdugo Matching Challenge International Internship Program for Young Adults. AQHA and AQHYA members 18 and older have the opportunity to apply for studies abroad under the wings of an AQHA Professional Horsemen selected to participate.



HOW THE INTERNSHIP WORKS

Both student and Professional Horsemen must apply to the program. The internship committee will review all eligible applications and match an intern and host based on shared interests and objectives. The youth member will complete a six-week internship abroad with the AQHA Professional Horsemen. The American Quarter Horse Foundation will provide the intern's air travel expenses to and from the destination country. The intern will make arrangements with the Professional Horsemen host regarding food, lodging and/or transportation. The Foundation will not provide monetary compensation to the intern for this experience.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicant's must meet the following qualifications and provide supplementary application materials listed below to meet requirements for consideration.

- Must be 18 to 25 years of age
- Must be a current member of AQHA or AQHYA
- Must have completed an accredited high school or received high school equivalency

Required Application Materials

- Complete and return application to the American Quarter Horse Foundation
- Provide a resume and letter stating why the applicant wishes to pursue an equine career
- Provide two letters of reference, including a riding history and assessment, from AQHA members
- Provide a minimum five-minute videotape (VHS) of the applicant grooming, saddling and riding at least two different horses
- All items listed above must be **received by August 1**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Return Application To: American Quarter Horse Foundation
William Verdugo Internship
2601 East I-40, Amarillo, TX 79104

Questions: Please contact (806) 378-5034 or lowens@aqha.org

