



## Application for Team USA 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup

The American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup is an International youth event of superior horsemanship, leadership, and camaraderie among equine enthusiasts of many nations. The members chosen for Team USA will represent the United States not only in horsemanship but also in international goodwill.

It is important to understand that riders in the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup will compete on horses donated in the host country and that not all horses will be highly qualified or trained show horses. Teams will draw for horses to be ridden, and every horse drawn by a team must be exhibited by a member of that team. No coach, trainer, or adult will be allowed to ride the horses at any time during the event; all training and preparation of the horses will be done entirely by the youth team members.

For these reasons, the qualifying process to select members of Team USA for the 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup is designed to identify youth who

- a) are talented horsemen who can get the best results from horses of varying abilities and training levels
- b) have show experience in a variety of AQHA events, preferably on more than one horse
- c) have a proven record of working cooperatively with peers and displaying leadership qualities in various activities
- d) are able to demonstrate exemplary standards of behavior and ethics.

Therefore, it will benefit the applicant to submit points earned on every horse shown, in as many categories as possible, during the two-year qualifying period preceding the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup event, January 2016 – December 2017. It will also be advantageous to present a copy of this application to the two people writing letters of recommendation so that they may address the points of consideration listed above.

It is also necessary to understand the personal expense that will be involved for each member of Team USA. AQHA and Bryan/College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsor the actual event, underwriting the facility, judges, prizes, bus transportation, field trips, entertainment, and other associated expenses during the week. Team USA will solicit sponsorships to pay team entry fees; however, each team member will be required to cover his or her own travel expense. The 2018 Youth World Cup will be held June 28 – July 8, 2018 in Bryan/College Station, TX.

The American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup will include the events of Showmanship, Ranch Riding, Western Horsemanship, Hunter under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Trail, Reining, and Cutting. Two to three members of each team will compete in each event. It will be the Selection Committee's responsibility to see that Team USA fields a balanced team with sufficient experienced riders available for every event. In order to have capable riders for the reining and cutting events, the Selection Committee will consider an applicant's experience in reining and cutting even though no AQHYA points have been earned in these two events.

Team USA Selection Committee will announce up to 2 Reserves in the rider selection process. A Reserve rider will not travel the Youth World Cup venue, unless they are also named as a Leadership member of Team USA.

Select two personal references (not members of your family) - one who is familiar with your horsemanship skills, and one who has observed you in a leadership or cooperative position with your peers. These letters are extremely important to the Selection Committee. Any application will be deemed incomplete if there are not two letters included with your application. Once the letters are complete, have the author seal them in an envelope, sign across the back of the envelope and have the letter mailed to you. **DO NOT OPEN THE LETTER.** Include the two envelopes with your application form. Do not send more than two letters of recommendation.

Prepare a three minute video and put it on a thumbdrive or DVD. Introduce yourself and exhibit all aspects of your riding ability. This video will be used by the Team USA coach to evaluate your personality and riding expertise.

The following items will be considered in the selection process for five riders and up to two alternates:

- Number of points earned in the two-year period qualifying period.
- Number of events in which points were earned.
- Number of horses on which points were earned.
- Two letters of reference relating to riding ability, involvement and leadership in school, equine associations, and community; personal recommendations.
- Review of the DVD.

Complete the application in its entirety.

Team USA has an option to include Leadership members. Outgoing, courteous and friendly applicants for the Leadership positions are an essential part of Team USA. The Youth World Cup organizes several activities throughout the week for the non-riders. As a leader, there are opportunities to spend quality time with all our international competitors. Please be sure and indicate on the application if you would like to be considered for a Rider and/or Leadership position.

Anyone who rides for Team USA in the 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup will be ineligible for Team USA in a future AQHY World Cup. Leadership members are able to apply for future Youth World Cup Teams.

All applicants must be members in good standing of the AQHYA for at least two years prior to the World Cup date. All applicants must be USA citizens and must meet the AQHYA age requirements set forth in the AQHA handbook. All applicants must sign the enclosed team member agreement.

**There is a \$25 application fee. Please make checks payable to Team USA.**

Thank you for your interest, and good luck! Any questions, call Dawn Forest 281-705-8033 or Michelle Tidwell 936-348-0277

**Selection Committee, Team USA  
American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup**

## Team USA Member Agreement

### 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup

If selected as a rider or leader for Team USA, I agree to abide by any and all rules of Team USA, the AQHA, and the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup. I understand that I will be governed and supervised by the Team USA coach and manager and other chaperones during my participation in the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup. I understand that I will be asked to sign an agreement to abide by a stringent set of rules of behavior as a member of Team USA and that my parents will also be asked to agree to support these rules. I understand that failure to comply with these rules of behavior or the instructions of my coach, manager and chaperones in the interest of my safety and security or the representation of the USA and the AQHA could result in disciplinary action and subsequent dismissal from the team and that I will be sent home at my own expense. I understand that I will be responsible for my own travel expenses to and from Bryan/College Station, TX, and that there may be extra baggage fees for my tack. I also understand that my parents and I will be required to sign additional releases as customary for travel and equine competition. I also understand that if I ride for Team USA in the 2018 World Cup I will be ineligible to ride for Team USA in a future World Cup. If I am selected as a Leadership member, I will be able to apply for a subsequent Youth World Cup Team.

I have been a member in good standing of the AQHYA for two years preceding the date of this application, and I am a USA citizen.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or legal guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application Deadline: January 19, 2018 (postmark)**

Send to: Team USA Selection Committee  
Laurel Walker-Denton Chairman  
P.O. Box 26  
Skull Valley, AZ 86338

UPS or Fed Ex (Do not ship FedEx ground)  
5425 N. Tonto Road  
Skull Valley, AZ 86338

Phone: 928-442-3290  
Fax: 928-442-9292  
E-mail: barubarranch@gmail.com

Include: Two-page application, plus additional page outlining community activities.  
Three minute video, thumbdrive or DVD  
Signed team member agreement  
AQHA printout verifying points  
5 x 7 Photograph  
Two personal references (in separate, sealed, signed envelopes)  
\$25 application fee, checks made payable to Team USA

**Application - Team USA**  
**2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup**  
***Bryan/College Station, TX, June 28 - July 8, 2018***

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Fill in all areas completely. This information will be used in your selection and in press releases and the official show program should you be selected to represent the United States at the 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup. Also enclose a recent color photograph (head and shoulders, 5x7 preferred). This photo will be used in press releases and the official show program if you are selected.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **AQHYA #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' names** \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address & phone numbers of persons writing letters of reference (include letters in sealed envelopes with your application to Laurel Walker-Denton)

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**Hometown newspaper & address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**State Quarter Horse Association, address & phone** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Director of State Q H Assoc.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Advisor of State Q H Assoc.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sizes: (S, M, L, XL) T-shirt** \_\_\_\_\_ **Polo shirt** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jacket** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boot size** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jeans** waist & length \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must submit qualifying points for a two-year period. All points must be AQHYA points. For the 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup the qualifying period is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017. An official AQHA show record detailed printout must accompany this application verifying points. (This may be obtained by calling the AQHA Records Dept. or by downloading from [www.aqha.com](http://www.aqha.com)) Points earned but not officially recorded by the AQHA by deadline time may be verified by show secretary. **The application deadline is January 19, 2018.**

Give horse name(s) and number of points earned on each horse in each event:  
(Be sure to include every horse on which points were earned.)

Event	Horse's Name	AQHA Points	Total AQHA Points in Event
Showmanship at Halter			
Ranch Riding			
Western Horsemanship			
Hunter U Saddle			
Hunt Seat Equitation			
Trail			
Reining			
Cutting			

Please consider my application for: Rider \_\_\_\_\_, Leadership \_\_\_\_\_, Both \_\_\_\_\_

**An applicant may mention his or her experience in reining and cutting earned in an AQHA alliance organization such as NCHA, NRHA, NRCHA or SHOT on a separate sheet.**

**On an additional sheet, please list organizations of which you are a member, church or school extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. List offices held, awards received, committees on which served, and projects in which involved.**



**Letter of Recommendation  
2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup**

**Re: Leadership, Standards of Behavior, and Interaction with Peers**

This letter of recommendation is on behalf of an individual applying for Team USA to the 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup that will be held in Bryan/College Station, TX next summer. The individuals selected for the team will represent the United States and the American Quarter Horse Association not only in exemplary horsemanship skills but also in teamwork, personal behavior, and international goodwill. Because Team USA will interact with youth from approximately eighteen other nations, exemplary standards of behavior plus a proven record of leadership and positive, productive cooperation with peers in school, community, and equine associations will benefit the applicant in being chosen. Your comments will be taken very seriously and will be **an important part of our selection process**. Thank you for your assistance.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Recommending whom \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you know applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include this form with your letter, address to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. The applicant will enclose it with their application.**

**Deadline to submit application is January 19, 2018**



## Letter of Recommendation 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup

### Re: Horsemanship Skills

This letter of recommendation is on behalf of an individual applying for Team USA to the 2018 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup that will be held in Bryan/College Station, TX next summer. The individuals selected for Team USA must be proficient in riding horses of varying ability and training levels and must exhibit in two to five events. No professional trainers, coaches or adults will be allowed to ride the horses (donated by the host country) during the entire week of the event. Team USA will represent the United States and the American Quarter Horse Association not only in exemplary horsemanship skills but also in teamwork, personal behavior and international goodwill. Your comments will be taken very seriously and will be **an important part of our selection process**. Thank you for your assistance.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Recommending whom \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you know applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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