



Application for Team USA
2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup

Kronenberg, The Netherlands July 1 – 12, 2020

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 2020 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) can 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 2018 – December 2019. 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. Team USA will seek sponsorships to pay team entry fees. All accommodation, meals and entertainment costs will be covered by Team USA. However, each team member will be required to cover his or her own travel expense. The 2020 Youth World Cup will be held in the Netherlands July 1 – 12, 2020.

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 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 if 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 to 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 thumb drive 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. If applying for a Leadership position only, it is not necessary to submit a DVD.

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.
- Any additional, relevant information submitted.
- 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.

An applicant selected for Team USA in the 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup will be ineligible for Team USA in a future AQHA Youth World Cup. Leadership members can, however, apply for future Youth World Cup Teams as a rider.

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

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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 the Netherlands 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 2020 Youth 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 subsequent Youth World Cup Teams as a rider.

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 17, 2020 (postmarked)

Send to:

Team USA
Dawn Forest
P.O. Box 660
Gainesville, TX 76241

Physical Address:
754 County Road 281
Gainesville, TX 76240

Phone: 281-705-8033
E-mail: dives88934@aol.com

Include:

Two-page application, plus additional page outlining community activities.
Three-minute video, thumb drive or DVD
Signed team member agreement
AQHA printout verifying points
5 x 7 Photograph (this photo will be used for all media if selected. Headshot preferred)
Two personal references (in separate, sealed, signed envelopes)
\$25 application fee, checks made payable to Team USA

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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 2020 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 _____ **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 Dawn Forest)

Hometown newspaper & email address _____

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 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup the qualifying period is January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019. 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) Points earned but not officially recorded by the AQHA by deadline time may be verified by show secretary. **The application deadline is January 17, 2020.**

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 submit their points 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
2020 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 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup that will be held in Kronenberg, Netherlands in July 2020. 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 17, 2020



**Letter of Recommendation
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Re: Horsemanship Skills

This letter of recommendation is on behalf of an individual applying for Team USA to the 2020 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup that will be held in Kronenberg, Netherlands in July 2020. 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.

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Email address _____

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