

AQHYA NEWS

YES Priority Registration Deadline is June 1

Make Your Mark with AQHYA member from around the world at the 2021 Bank of America Youth Excellence Seminar, July 12 – 14, in Amarillo, Texas.

YES offers a wide variety of activities for both youth and adult leaders. Be sure you check out the [tentative schedule](#) to see what is in store for this three-day, action-packed event. See what current AQHYA President, Justin Eddy, said about the event below:

"The Youth Excellence Seminar is the event to be at this summer. With AQHYA members and horse enthusiasts from around the country coming together, there is not a more exhilarating or fun-filled event out there! From leadership workshops, keynote speakers, and days filled with excitement, everyone can find something for them in Amarillo this summer. I hope to see you there!" - Justin Eddy, AQHYA President

To read more about YES, click [here](#). The priority [registration](#) deadline is June 1, 2021, and there is a new online registration option this year. Don't forget- adults who chaperone eight kids or more will still receive 50% off the standard price of registration. To reserve a hotel room at the 2021 YES host hotel, Embassy Suites by Hilton Amarillo-Downtown, click [here](#).

2021-22 AQHYA Officer and Director Application Deadline June 1

The updated AQHYA Guide to Campaigning is available [here](#).

Please note, the application deadline for candidates campaigning for AQHYA Board is June 1. All election materials and the application form are included in the Guide to Campaigning.

2021 Built Ford Tough Youth World Show

Qualifications: The AQHA Executive Committee waived traditional world show qualification for the 2021 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show, tentatively scheduled for July 28 – August 8 at the OKC Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. AQHYA members will have two options to be eligible to compete at the 2021 Ford Youth World.

AQHA has established two options to compete at the 2021 Ford Youth World. AQHYA exhibitors will have the choice to nationally qualify by the end of the qualifying period, April 30, 2021, or meet their state/provincial affiliate requirements. Affiliates will not have a cap on the total number of entries per class or for the show.

The entry process for the 2021 Ford Youth World will remain with the youth advisers, just as it has been in previous years. AQHYA exhibitors interested in competing at Youth World will continue to work through their state/provincial adviser for information on entering and must meet affiliate requirements to compete. National qualifiers will also have the ability to enter directly through their youth adviser.

Change of Affiliation: Formerly known as the Hardship Application, a [Change of Affiliation form](#) is now required to change a youth member's state affiliate they represent at the AQHYA World Championship Show. This form must be completed fully and must include all required signatures. Forms must be emailed to youth@aqha.org by May 15, 2021.

Wrangler ASPIRE Award Applications Due May 15

The [Wrangler ASPIRE Award](#) is a \$1,000 award provided by Wrangler for an AQHYA member who excels in leadership and service. The award assists in developing and improving scholarship, leadership and community interest, and participation of young horsemen. This award will be presented at the 2021 Youth Excellence Seminar in Amarillo.

Applications are due to AQHA by May 15, 2021. If you know an AQHYA member deserving of this special award, please encourage them to apply. The application form can be found [here](#).

Upcoming AQHA Youth Dates & Deadlines

- Wrangler ASPIRE Award Applications Due May 15
- Change of Affiliation Forms Due May 15, 2021
- YES Registration and Officer & Director Applications Due June 1, 2021
- 2021 Bank of America Youth Excellence Seminar July 12-14, 2021, Amarillo, TX
 - 2021-2022 AQHYA Newly Elected Board Training July 15, Amarillo, TX
- 2021 AQHYA World Championship Show July 28 – August 8, 2021, Oklahoma City, OK