Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association Y.E.S. Grant Application

**What is YES?**

The Youth Excellence Seminar welcomes AQHYA and ILQHYA members and nonmembers, ages 10 to 18, to experience this three-day, fun-packed event that offers valuable leadership skills, inspiring speakers and AQHYA governance items.  AQHYA officer and director elections will also take place during YES. To learn more about AQHYA officer and director elections, [view the Guide to Campaigning.](https://www.aqha.com/documents/82601/189231506/2020%2BAQHYA%2BGuide%2Bto%2BCampaigning.pdf/ec3118cc-df1d-f443-0356-1860172c9deb)

**YES Facts**

* Anyone ages 10 to 18 can attend – current AQHYA members and nonmembers.
* Youth will experience leadership development sessions and workshops, take part in a service activity, network with horse enthusiasts from around the world, and take inspiration from engaging keynote speakers.
* Five AQHYA officers will be elected—president, first vice president, second vice president, member and member.
* Regional directors will be elected—AQHYA has 11 regions; each region elects three AQHYA members as directors

Application for the scholarship is open to any youth that holds a ILQHA current membership. Scholarship applications are due no later than May 15th. Three scholarships in the amount of $500.00 will be awarded.

 Please provide the following:

- A one-page essay addressing your desire to attend the Youth Excellence Seminar.

- A description of all activities you have participated in which involved ILQHA or ILQHYA

- A description of all other horse related activities you have participated in (4-H, FFA etc.)

-A description of all non-horse related activities and interests

-Two letters of reference

Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended the Youth Excellence Seminar?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on running as an AQHYA officer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship applications will be sent to: Illinois Quarter Horse Association ilqhainfo@gmail.com