



Illinois Quarter Horse Association
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ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION QUEEN CANDIDATE GUIDELINES

It is the goal of the Illinois Quarter Horse Association to recognize deserving young adults who demonstrate active involvement in the horse industry, community involvement and leadership skills.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications must be completed in full and should be printed neatly or electronically prepared. Application deadline March 1. In addition to the completed application, the applicant must provide:

- 1) An essay, not to exceed 1500 words explaining:
 - a. what the roll of Illinois Quarter Horse Queen means to you
 - b. life lessons learned through your involvement with horses
 - c. a platform to promote the American Quarter Horse Association
 - d. the applicant's career goals

- 2) Three personal letters of reference from non-family members.

References should be submitted with the application. The person providing the reference should place the letter in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal before giving it to the applicant.

- 3) A completed application will include the following items and must be submitted by December 15th to ilqhainfo@gmail.com electronic submission: One color photo 8 X 10 in equine attire for use in promotional purposes. Please forward the digital version (300 DPI resolution) send to ilqhainfo@gmail.com.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

1. The candidate must be 18 to 25 years of age (as of January 1 of the current year) and not married, divorced or given birth.
2. Candidate must be a current member of AQHA and ILQHA and be an Illinois resident. Provide verification of membership.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The competition and crowning will take place in conjunction with the annual awards banquet.
2. Candidates will compete in 3 areas:
 - o Interview 40%
 - o Essay 40%
 - o Virtual Horsemanship Pattern 20%
3. The Virtual Horsemanship Pattern will be distributed following the application deadline and a high-resolution video must be submitted electronically to ilqhainfo@gmail.com.
4. A candidate will be able to represent only one state association.
5. The candidate must uphold their title with respect, honor, grace, integrity and dignity. Candidate will not involve themselves in any activities that bring dishonor to the title, contest, queen committee or fellow candidates. If asked to remove or edit media included on one's social media presence in conflict with the standards set forth by the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, candidate will comply and do so.
6. The selected Queen will have the option to represent the Illinois Quarter Horse Association at the All - American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH. All American Congress Queen information can be viewed by following this link: <http://www.congressqueen.com/>

7. Upon marriage, becoming pregnant or violating the rules outlined above, the Illinois Queen must relinquish her crown and all prizes connected with the crown to the first runner up in the contest.

Illinois Quarter Horse Association Queen Contest Application

Deadline for application March 1. Forward application to ILQHA by email at ilqhainfo@gmail.com or mail to ILQHA, PO Box 27, Wonder Lake, IL 60097

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____

High School and/or College _____

Graduation Date _____

Major/Favorite Subject _____

Career Ambition _____

Activities/Interests/Hobbies _____

Community Service _____

Three Personal Reference Letters

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

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Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____