



Illinois Quarter Horse Association  
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## 2023 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 December 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> to [ilqhainfo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 at the ILQHA Convention and Banquet, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Par-a-Dice Casino and Hotel in Peoria, IL
2. Candidates will compete in 3 areas: *will there be a rulebook test?? Not sure if it is needed, just asking*
  - 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 by January 4<sup>th</sup> to [ilqhainfo@gmail.com](mailto: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. The Queen will be requested to attend the ILQHA annual awards banquet. Lodging expenses at the banquet will be provided by ILQHA. Additionally, the Queen is requested to attend other ILQHA approved shows at her availability.
8. 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 December 15<sup>th</sup>. Forward application to ILQHA by email at [ilqhainfo@gmail.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_