AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The American Quarter Horse Foundation provides financial assistance to members of the American Quarter Horse Association and or the American Quarter Horse Youth Association through general, racing, career path and state or regional scholarships. Interested members must apply for scholarship funding by completing an application on the Foundation's web site at www.aqha.com/foundation.

Deadline for applications is December 1, 2012. Postmarked applications will be accepted. All application materials must be mailed to:

American Quarter Horse Foundation
Scholarship Program
2601 East Interstate 40
Amarillo, TX 79104

Questions or inquiries should be directed to the American Quarter Horse Foundation's Programs Office at (806) 378-5040 or jpazderny@aqha.org.

Applications must be completed in full and should be printed neatly or typed in black or blue ink. Applications downloaded from the Foundation web site must be filled out and a hardcopy returned to the Foundation Programs Office.

Faxed applications will not be accepted.
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility of applicants will be based on the individual criteria and requirements provided for each scholarship offered. A complete list of available scholarships is on our web site. The following items must be included with each member's application. Applicants are ineligible for consideration if one or more support materials are not submitted by the scholarship deadline. Questions or concerns related to the submission of these items should be directed to the American Quarter Horse Foundation Programs Office.

It is the scholarship applicant's responsibility to contact the Foundation in order to determine if all scholarship application materials have been received.

AQHA Membership: Applicants must be a current member of the American Quarter Horse Association and or American Quarter Horse Youth Association in order to apply. Additional length of membership requirements are listed for each available scholarship. Year(s) of cumulative membership for the applicant are used to calculate if each requirement has been completed. Membership information posted for the applicant's parent(s) or guardians will also be examined by the Scholarship Selection Committee to verify eligibility. If you have any questions regarding the completion of this requirement, please contact the Programs Office.

Financial Information: Members must provide personal financial information, including anticipated college expenses. Financial questions are included within the scholarship application document. Feel free to contact the Programs Office if you have any questions regarding the completion of this requirement.

Failure to provide financial information will result in application disqualification.

Academic Transcript: Applicants must provide a recent school transcript. Transcripts should contain a cumulative scholastic average ending with the 2011-2012 academic year. This average must be expressed either as a numerical percentage, such as 97/100%, or as a ratio including the scale on which it is based, such as 3.88/4.0 scale. A copy of the school's grading system, or a letter from a school official explaining the school's grading scale should accompany your application. Transcripts should also contain the applicant's reported ACT and or SAT scores. It is the student's responsibility to request and subsequently submit the required transcript by the scholarship deadline indicated.

Failure to provide academic information will result in application disqualification.

Transcripts forwarded directly to the Programs Office from the student's school and or college will be accepted. However, all academic documents must also be received no later than the application deadline referenced.

Applicants enrolled in advanced placement, dual credit and or college preparatory courses should provide an official transcript from each school the applicant is attending. If the student's high school transcript contains the scoring information from dual credit and or college courses, then a transcript from the college attended will not be required. All documents should have an official signature or school seal.

All requirements and conditions also apply to home-schooled applicants.

Canadian applicants' transcripts should include a letter or documentation regarding grades, marks or the appropriate denotation for the school's scoring system. The letter must clearly state the system and ranking used to determine scoring. Canadian applicants should provide a report of any national college preparatory testing or a completed equivalent.

Appraisal Form or References: Members must provide a maximum of three completed Scholarship Applicant Appraisal Forms and or reference letters. Forms are included within the scholarship application document.

Appraisers must be at least 21 years of age. References may not be completed by the applicant's legal guardian, relative, AQHA and Foundation staff or AQHA Executive Committee members and or spouses. However, forms or references completed by an AQHA Director not directly associated with the selection process will be accepted. If you have any questions regarding the eligibility of an appraiser or reference provider, please contact the Programs Office for details.

Failure to provide appraisal forms will result in application disqualification.

References or appraisal forms forwarded directly to the Programs Office from the appraiser will be accepted. Signed documents may be emailed to the Programs Office via the address indicated in these guidelines. However, all documents must also be received no later than the application deadline referenced. It is the student's responsibility to request and subsequently submit the required appraisal forms by the scholarship deadline indicated.

Affiliate Membership: Members eligible for state or regional scholarships must provide evidence of membership in an affiliate organization of the American Quarter Horse Association or American Quarter Horse Youth Association. Evidence may be provided through copies of a current membership card, certificate or letter provided by an affiliate organization official.

If applicable, failure to provide proof of membership will result in application disqualification.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applicants will submit a nonspecific application which will be evaluated against individual scholarship criteria in order to determine eligibility. All determinations will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Selected recipients may receive only one scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact the Programs Office at (806) 378-5040 or jpazderny@aqha.org.