

2021 NJQH YA YOUTH PACKET

NEW JERSEY QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The purpose of this award is to recognize the achievements of NJQH YA members in the AQHYA. It is the member's responsibility to notify the youth advisor when a goal has been completed or an award has been earned. Only members in good standing are eligible and only during the year the award was earned. Awards will be recognized at the NJQHA/NJQH YA Awards Banquet.

The following AQHYA awards qualify for an NJQH YA Achievement Award:

1. AQHYA Youth Performance or Halter ROM
2. AQHYA Youth Superior in any event.
3. AQHYA Championship title as per AQHA Rules SHW807-807.1
4. 500 hours or more in the Horseback Riding Program.

NEW JERSEY QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION WALTER 'DOC' SEADER EDUCATIONAL GRANT

A one time grant of \$100.00 will be awarded to any NJQH YA member that meets the following criteria:

1. Must be a member in good standing of the NJQH YA for 3 years. This would include the year you are applying.
2. Proof of enrollment in college or trade school would be required.

NJQH YA 2021 RULES

***Year-end Awards, Congress Team, & AQHYA World Show
Rules Apply to Small Fry, Youth, & Novice Youth**

1. **\$150.00** in ads for show program, per person...not family...
Must be in by May 15, 2021, NO exceptions !!!!!
2. **You must attend and remain** at 50% of the meetings. Youth meetings will be held at most AQHA shows in New Jersey. Times will be announced at the show and posted on the NJQHA website. If you cannot attend a meeting, it is your responsibility to find out what was discussed and required of you. **NO EXCUSES !! This is your responsibility!!**
3. You or someone representing you **must work at the Youth Show**. Any youth member with a nominated horse must show at the youth show to be a member in good standing. The only exception is if your horse is injured; in this instance you must have a vet certificate. Job assignments will be posted at the show.

4. You are expected to participate in **all fund raisers**. Fund raisers will include:
 - A. Ad book sales (\$150 minimum per person). To be emailed to Ursula Hodgson at Willurs@aol.com, also to Mkuchta1972@aol.com Money to Mrs. Kuchta
 - B. \$10.00 Scratch off ticket to be submitted to the youth advisor at the 1st Youth Meeting, the ticket will be put into a basket that will be raffled off at the Youth Show.
 - C. Working at our Youth show circuit.
 - D. Sell raffle tickets or other designated fundraiser tickets.

5. All 2021 NJQHA/NJQHYA Year End High-Score Award rules will apply to all members. All shows designated “2021 pointed” by the NJQHA board count towards Year End Awards.

YES CONFERENCE

Four (4) Delegates shall be appointed by the officers of the NJQHYA to serve as delegates at the AQHYA YES Convention. They shall have the responsibility of voicing concerns on issues raised at the convention and electing AQHYA Officers. Appointment of the four Delegates shall be based on the ability to attend the AQHYA YES Convention held each year in June. NJQHYA Officers will have first opportunity to be chosen as the voting delegates at the convention should they attend. Funding for the four voting delegates will be the same as the Congress and YWS team funding. Subsidizing will be decided yearly by the NJQHYA membership, after profits are calculated, from our major fund raisers.

CONGRESS TEAM

The Congress Team will be determined by the highest total number of AQHA points, accumulated at shows held in New Jersey, by the member and horse combination, in the related event, beginning with the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show (2020) and ending with the New Jersey Quarter Horse Youth Association Show Circuit (2021). In case of a tie, the current year state points will break the tie. Alternates may be named in the same manner. Rules 1-5 must be followed by all members. If there are no members with national points then the member showing the 13 & under or and/or 14-18 youth class with the highest 2021 state points will be asked to attend. If there are no members with national points or youth points then the member with the highest number of 2021 novice youth points in the class will be invited to represent the state.

6. You may only qualify for two classes for the Congress Team.

7. Subsidizing will be decided yearly by the NJQHYA membership, after profits are calculated, from our major fund raisers. Funds will be used for outfits to be worn during opening ceremonies, entry fees, and any other Congress related expense. If for any reason you do not participate, funding will go to the alternate or revert back to the NJQHYA.

8. You must participate in the team photo, at the time scheduled and participate in the walk in ceremony or you will not receive your check.

AQHYA WORLD

9. All national qualifiers automatically represent New Jersey.

Youth wishing to participate at the AQHYA World Show as a state representative must submit a letter of intent, by **May 31, 2021**, to the state youth advisor. This letter should include the class or classes in which you are interested.

10. A minimum of 5 national points, earned during the qualifying year, are needed in the class or classes you are interested.

11. You may only qualify for two classes as a state representative. The two class limit maybe lifted if no other youth are interested in the class.

12. If more than four individuals wish to be a representative in the same event, the following will apply. The youth, who accumulated the most national points, during the AQHYA qualifying year, May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021, and was a member in good standing in the NJQHYA (refer to rules 1-5) at the time the points were earned. Alternates will be chosen in the same way.

13. Subsidizing will be decided on a yearly basis by the NJQHYA membership, after profits are calculated, from our major fund raisers. Funds will be used for stall fees, entry fees, participation in the Parade of Teams, and any other AQHYA World Show related expense. If for any reason you do not participate, funding will go to the alternate or revert back to the NJQHYA.

14. National qualifiers, who are members in good standing, (refer to rules 1-5) shall receive the same amount given to Congress Team members for that year, if they attend the AQHYA World Show. However, total expenditures may not exceed the cost of a 12 member Congress Team. If for any reason you do not attend, funding will revert back to the NJQHYA.

15. A member in good standing who does not qualify for the AQHYA World Show under the above rules, may be eligible to qualify for the AQHYA World Show under the hardship clause. Please check the hardship rules and contact the youth advisor.

AQHYA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW HARDSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

If you were a NJQHYA member in good standing, the previous year, you may qualify for the AQHYA World Championship Show under a hardship category. A hardship case for any event may be filed if no member, who is state qualified, with five national points, plans to attend the AQHYA World Show. Members who are state qualified are given priority.

Any member applying for a hardship case must send a letter of intent, stating the class and the reason for hardship, to the youth advisor by **April 30, 2021**.

All hardship cases will be decided by the officers of the NJQHYA, the youth advisor and 2 members of the NJQHA Board of Directors.

CATEGORY 1 The youth member has a newly purchased horse, resulting in the inability to accumulate the required five national points.

CATEGORY 2 The event in which the youth member wishes to participate is not offered at any NJQHA approved shows or the lack of entries in this event, at the NJQHA shows, make it impossible for the member to accumulate five national points.

CATEGORY 3 The member and horse have recently begun showing in a new event, in which they wish to participate at the AQHYA World Show.

**New Jersey Quarter Horse Youth Association
2021 Officers**

President: Nicolette Occhifinto
Vice President: Alyssa Papiez
Reporter: Zoe Squashic
Advisor: Michelle Kuchta

Secretary: Natalie Totten
Treasurer: Adriana Totten

Assistant: MaryKay Erickson

Constitution and By-Laws

Revised: December 12, 2015/ Effective 1/1/2016

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1: This organization shall be a division of the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association, shall operate within the scope of the by-laws, rules and regulations of the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association and shall be named New Jersey Quarter Horse Youth Association.

Section 2: The objectives and purpose of the New Jersey Quarter Horse Youth Association, hereafter referred to as the NJQHYA shall be as follows:

- A. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed.
- B. To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of American Quarter Horses.
- C. To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of young horse people.
- D. To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members.
- F. To establish a means whereby Youth members may work in conjunction with the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association.

Article II Membership

Section 1: Membership shall consist of any youth who has not passed their nineteenth birthday on January 1 of the current year.

Section 2: Annual Membership fee shall be \$35.00 due January 1 of each calendar year. Membership to be effective when the application and fee are received by the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association.

Section 3: An annual nomination fee of \$10.00 per horse per Youth Division is necessary for the youth points to be tabulated and point earning privileges to be granted. Nomination to be effective when application and fee are received by the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association.

Section 4: Member is responsible to obtain and maintain his/her own membership in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (Youth Card) directly through the American Quarter Horse Association.

Section 5: The New Jersey Quarter Horse Youth Association news will be published on the NJQHA website (www.NJQHA.com).

Section 6: Members in good standing consist of a member who has attended at least 50% of the NJQHYA meetings and who has participated in all of the year's fundraisers.

Section 7: Youth members that have graduated high school. If a member has been in good standing for the previous 3 consecutive years, that member will be considered in good standing the year following his/her high school graduation as long as they complete all necessary items to be in good standing as outlined in the youth packet. They will however be excused from the meeting attendance portion of the requirement if they are away at school and unable to attend the meetings because of school.

Article III Officers and Directors

Section 1: Only members in good standing having a minimum of one (1) year tenure in the Association and a resident of New Jersey shall be eligible for election to office.

Section 2: Candidates for election to office for the succeeding year shall be nominated by club members at the NJQHYA meeting held at the PJC show circuit. The day and approximate time of this meeting will be announced in advance. To be eligible for the office of President or Vice President the nominated person must have previously served for one (1) full term as the Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President or President.

Section 3: The Officers of the Association shall be elected by ballot mailed or emailed to the Association youth advisor or presented in person at the December meeting. The candidate receiving the

majority of votes cast shall be elected to the office for which he or she was nominated. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote in the election.

Section 4: Two Inspectors of Election Shall be appointed by the President at the nomination meeting, after all nominations are closed. The inspectors cannot be on the ballot or related to anyone on the ballot.

Section 5: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter shall hold office for one year term or until their successors are elected. An Officer may succeed himself.

Section 6: Any officer may withdraw from the Association by presenting to the Secretary a written statement of resignation.

Section 7: If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the position of President for the unexpired portion of the term. If a vacancy other than the office of President occurs, it shall be filled immediately by the membership with a general election.

Section 8: Four (4) Delegates shall be appointed by the officers of the NJQHYA to serve as delegates at the AQHYA YES Convention. They shall have the responsibility of voicing concerns on issues raised at the convention and electing AQHYA Officers. Appointment of the four Delegates shall be based on the ability to attend the AQHYA YES Convention held each year in June. NJQHYA Officers will have first opportunity to be chosen as the voting delegates at the convention should they attend.

Article IV Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall appoint such committees as considered expedient or necessary.

Section 2: The Vice President shall assist the President by heading committee appointments and coordinating special events. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform his/her duties. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall preside and assume the duties of the President. In the absence of the President, Vice President, and Secretary, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of President.

Section 3: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the NJQHYA and shall record all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings. He or she shall perform like duties for the committees when requested to do so. The secretary shall have the responsibility of submitting all minutes to the youth advisor for posting on the website after approval. The Secretary shall also have the responsibility of mailing any notices or correspondences necessary.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall have responsibility for the safe keeping of the funds and securities of the Association, and shall keep or cause to be kept a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the NJQHYA. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept all other books of account and accounting records of the Association as shall be necessary, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the NJQHYA and the NJQHA. The Treasurer shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the Association, as may be ordered or authorized generally by the Association, and shall render to the Association members, the Advisor, or the parent club, whenever requested, an account of all transaction as Treasurer. Signing privileges of all checks and withdrawals shall be held by the NJQHA Senior Association Treasurer and the Youth Advisor combined. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer, at the beginning of each fiscal year, to submit to the NJQHYA and the NJQHA a proposed budget for the coming year.

Section 5: The Reporter shall have the responsibility of reporting on the activities of the Association and of the individual members of the Association to the Quarter Horse Journal and to the public relations chairperson of the NJQHA for posting on the website.

Section 6: The number necessary to constitute a quorum at meetings is a majority vote of the members present at said meeting.

Section 7: All officers shall be required to attend all meetings of the association. Absence from two (2) consecutive meetings, without reasonable excuse, may be cause for removal from office. Removal from office will be voted on by the remaining officers. In the case of a tie, the youth advisor shall be the deciding vote.

Section 8: Any situation not specifically covered in the Constitution and By-laws of the New Jersey Quarter Horse Youth Association shall automatically revert to the Constitution and By-laws of the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association.

Section 9: All NJQHYA meetings will be run and organized in accordance with Robert's Rules of Meeting Protocol and Parliamentary Procedures.

