

Queens Contest

Each year two young ladies from TQHA will be chosen as candidates for the Congress Queen Contest: one will become the TQHA-Queen, and the other will become the TAQHA-Queen. A First Runner Up will also be chosen to represent TQHA or TAQHA in the event a Queen becomes unable to fulfill the duties of her office.

1. **QUEEN CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:** The TQHA Queen competition is for young women, ages 18-25 (as of January 1 of the current year), and not married, divorced, or a parent. Queen Candidates must be current members of the TQHA in good standing, and must have held membership for a minimum of one year.
2. **DUTIES OF THE TQHA QUEEN:** Candidates must be available to perform the following duties if chosen to represent TQHA or TAQHA.
 - A. Present awards at the TQHA Convention and Banquet, which is normally held in January or February of each year.
 - B. Represent TQHA at the Tennessee Horse Fair at MTSU. Normally held the third weekend in March.
 - C. Compete in the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest and attend events related to the Queen Contest during the course of the annual Ohio Quarter Association's All-American Quarter Horse Congress which is held in the month of October each year.
 - D. Attend the TQHA Queen Contest the year following her coronation and crown the new TQHA and/or TAQHA Queen.
3. **AREAS OF COMPETITION.** Candidates will be judged as follows:
 - A. 40% Oral Interview. During the interview, candidates will be judged on their poise (0-15points), communication skills (0-15 points), and knowledge of and experience with American Quarter Horses (0-10 points), with a total possible score of 40 points. Each candidate will receive a final numerical score that represents an average of all of the judge's scores on the interview.
 - B. 40% Written Test. The written test counts for 40% of each candidate's total score. It is a timed test, consisting of True-false and Fill in the Blank questions scored on the basis of 0-40 points. All Questions are taken from the current year AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
 - C. 20% Horsemanship. All queen candidates will compete in a special "Queen's Horsemanship Class" in which they are scored on the basis of 0-20 points. It will consist of performing a pattern at a walk, jog, and lope, with the balance of the class at the judge's discretion to prove superior horsemanship. This class will be judged by an AQHA judge. The pattern to be ridden will be

posted at least one hour before the class. Candidates do not have to own the horse they ride in the horsemanship class, but their mount must be a registered American Quarter Horse. Queen's Horsemanship will be tie – breaking event, should there be two or more candidates with the same score following the interview and rule-book portions of the contest.

- D. Cumulative Score. There is a total possible score of 40 on the interview portion of the contest, a total possible score of 40 on the rule book exam, and a total possible score of 20 for the horsemanship class, with a contest total of 100 possible points. The two candidates with the most points at the conclusion of all three portions of the contest will be declared the winners. The candidates with the next highest number of points will be declared First Runner Up or Queen Alternate. The judges decisions are final. The candidate with the most points at the conclusion of the contest may choose which association she would like to represent – TQHA or TAQHA.
4. JUDGES. Judges for the TQHA/TAQHA Queen contest will be as follows
- A. The panel of judges for the interview portion of the competition will consist of a minimum of three of the following individuals: Any current TQHA officer (President, First or Second Vice President), current TAQHA officers (President, First or Second Vice President, and Secretary); all past TQHA Presidents and all past TQHA or TAQHA queens. If needed the Amateur Presidents can appoint an alternate to judge. Anyone related to or in a close working relationship (for example: trainer) to a candidate is not allowed to be a judge or appoint a judge.
 - B. The interview panel will be responsible for tabulating for each contestant's final score from the oral interview, written test and horsemanship class.
 - C. One of the AQHA judges already employed by TQHA to judge the horse show at which the contest is held will be asked to judge the Queen's Horsemanship Class.
5. CONTEST DATES AND TIMES. The TQHA Queen Contest will be held according to the following schedule:
- A. All entries must be received by TQHA by the deadline printed in the TQHA Newsletter. The TQHA Newsletter will contain information about where and to whom to submit entries, and there will be entry blanks at TQHA shows prior to the contest.
 - B. The TQHA Queen Contest will be held during one of the TQHA – approved horse shows. Candidates will be notified as to exact times for each portion of the competition.
6. ALL-AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS QUEEN COMPETITION. Whoever is chosen TQHA Queen, TAQHA Queen and Queen Alternate must be available to compete in the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest, usually held the middle of October each year. In addition, the TQHA and

TAQHA Queens must submit the following to the Ohio Quarter Horse Association by September 1:

- A. All-American Quarter Horse Queen Contest Application.
- B. Release Form.
- C. Two 8"x 10" color photos plus 6 color wallet sized photos.
- D. Any other information required by the Ohio Quarter Horse Association in order to compete in the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest.