



Texas Quarter Horse Association Foundation Youth Scholarship Application

The TQHA Foundation (TQHAF) Scholarships support TQHYA members in their pursuit of higher education making that education more affordable. Since the Foundation's inception, more than \$300,000 in TQHAF Scholarships have been awarded. Recipients are selected based on **active** participation in TQHYA, TQHA, AQHA or other equine activities with an emphasis on leadership; strong academic credentials; financial need; demonstrated leadership in school and community organizations; and effective communication skills. ***Successful candidates must demonstrate a history of TQHYA/TQHA participation while promoting its programs in a meaningful way and be considered a role model for TQHYA's objectives of high moral character and sportsmanship among its members.***

To be eligible, candidates must have been a TQHYA or TQHA member since January 1, 2022, have a 3.0 minimum grade point average (GPA) and apply during their senior year of high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Previous TQHAF scholarship recipients are not eligible.

TQHAF Scholarships are to be used for undergraduate studies at an accredited college, university, or vocational institution as a full-time student. Scholarships are typically four or two-year awards, with annual payments to the institution, and continuation is subject to the recipient maintaining full-time student status and a 2.5 minimum GPA.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. TQHYA or TQHA member in good standing since January 1, 2022
 - a. Membership requirements will increase to minimum three-year membership for 2025 awards.
2. Senior in high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational school but must apply within two years of high school graduation date.
3. Cumulative high school and post high school (if applicable) minimum 3.0 grade point average (4.0 scale)
4. United States citizen and residency in the State of Texas
5. Current or previous recipients of a TQHAF scholarship are not eligible

Scholarship Application, including ALL supporting materials and reference letters must be received by TQHA no later than January 6. The applicant must provide:

1. Completed, signed Scholarship Application prepared by the applicant
2. TQHYA or TQHA membership card copy
3. An essay, not to exceed 1,000 words explaining:
 - a. Applicant's career and educational goals and other topics you wish to convey to the Committee
 - b. Applicant's financial need, including estimated costs and anticipated use of funds
4. Official transcripts - High school transcript (grades 10 – 11 is mandatory, grade 12 to extent available on date of application). If applicable, an official "post high school" transcript should be included.
5. Three letters of Reference, including:
 - a. 1) A teacher and 2) a person familiar with the applicant's equine activities.
 - b. TQHYA Youth Advisors may serve as one of the references but will also provide independent input on all applicants to the Scholarship Committee.

Application Submission: All application materials must be received by TQHA office by January 6. If the application is emailed, it must be submitted from the **applicant's personal email**. Reference letters must be submitted directly to TQHA by the individual making the recommendation either from the referral source's personal email or US postal service and must also be received by the January 6 deadline.

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Any questions or concerns related to the submission of the application and supporting materials should be directed to Cheyenne Johanson at TQHA. The scholarship application and the supporting material become the property of the TQHAF and will not be returned

Selection Process: Recipients of TQHAF scholarships are chosen by the TQHAF Scholarship Committee and TQHAF Board of Directors based on reviews of the submitted applications and interviews with applicants. Recipients will be notified by March 15 and will include specific guidelines for requesting payment. The first scholarship disbursements will begin with the fall semester following award notification.



2024 Scholarship Application

Applicant's Personal Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

TQHYA or TQHA Membership Number: _____ Date joined: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

U. S Citizen: _____ Texas Resident: _____

Family Information:

Father's Name: _____ **TQHA Membership Number:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mother's Name: _____ **TQHA Membership Number:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guardian's Name: (if applicable) _____ **TQHA Membership Number:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Goals and Education Plans:

State your educational and career goals, including anticipated graduation date:

Have you been accepted to an accredited institution? If so, please provide name. _____

If not, provide names of Institutions to which you are applying in order of preference:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1. Academic Credentials

Name of School

Location

Dates Attended

High School GPA adjusted to a 4-point high: _____ Class Rank: ____ of ____

If applicable - Post High School GPA adjusted to a 4-point high: _____

(Please attach your official transcripts for high school and post high school, if applicable)

College Entrance Exam Score & Percentiles: ACT _____ SAT _____

2a. Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association/TQHA Activities:

Have you served on TQHYA Board or Committees? _____

If so, what positions: _____

What did you accomplish in that role and how did you assist other members: _____

Describe your participation in TQHYA/TQHA activities or fundraising with an emphasis on your specific initiatives and how they impacted TQHYA/TQHA and its members:

Have you attended the TQHA Convention _____ TQHA Races _____ Yearling Sale _____

Have you attended AQHYA World _____ If so, describe your participation in Team Texas activities, including the Parade of Teams _____

2b. AQHYA Activities:

Have you been involved in any AQHYA activities? If so, please describe:

2c. Other Horse Activities:

List all other breed memberships, 4-H, or FFA and include leadership roles, and years of memberships:

_____	Year _____
_____	Year _____
_____	Year _____

2d. Equine Awards/Competition and Accomplishments: Please list your most significant accomplishments with your horse (s) and explain why.

Name & Breed of Horse: _____ Year(s) of Competition: _____

Award/Accomplishment:

Name & Breed of Horse: _____ Year (s) of Competition: _____

Award/Accomplishment:

3.School and Community Activities:

School related, including Academic Achievements:

Honors:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____

Awards:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____

Organizations:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____

Leadership:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
Other activities:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
Community Activities:		
Clubs:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
Service Organizations:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
Other Activities:	_____	Year: _____
	_____	Year: _____
Employment:	_____	Year: _____

Letters of Reference: Applicants must provide a minimum of three completed scholarship reference letters, including a teacher and an individual familiar with applicant's equine activities. There is no specified format for the reference letters. All references must be at least 21 years of age and may not be completed by applicant's legal guardian, relative, TQHAF committee members and/or spouses. **Reference letters must be submitted directly to TQHA by the individual making the recommendation either via email or US postal service and must be received by the January 6 deadline.**

Reference letters have been requested from the following: (example: Ms. Sue Smith, high school teacher)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be accurate:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Applications and reference letters must be received at TQHA office by January 6. An applicant shall be ineligible for consideration if any requirements or supporting documents are not submitted in the manner identified by the scholarship deadline. It is the exclusive responsibility of the scholarship applicant to contact TQHA to determine if all scholarship application materials have been received by the deadline.

Attach additional pages as necessary