Texas Quarter Horse Association Foundation Youth Scholarship Application – 2027

The TQHA Foundation (TQHAF) Scholarships support TQHA/TQHYA members in their pursuit of higher education making that education more affordable. Since the Foundation's inception, more than $365,000 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**.**

Equine activities may include:

- Ranching, racing, showing, judging, recreational riding, breeding, or competitions (barrel racing, roping, rodeo, cattle events, etc.)
- Participation in other youth programs, such as 4-H and FFA
- Competitions may include TQHA, AQHA, intercollegiate horsemanship shows, playdays, AQHA sanctioned horse racing or events sponsored by other associations (NCHA, NRHA, etc.)
- Educational Development & Leadership in the equine industry (TQHYA, AQHYA, AQHA Youth Excellence Seminar, AQHA Racing Experience, Youth World Cup, and other equine organizations)

To be eligible, candidates must be a TQHYA or TQHA member, have a 2.5 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.

TQHAF Scholarships are to be used for undergraduate or post-graduate 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 as of application date.
2. Senior in high school or while enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational school and must apply within four years of high school graduation date.
3. Cumulative high school and post high school (if applicable) minimum 2.5 grade point average (4.0 scale)
4. United States citizen and residency in the State of Texas
5. Previous recipients of a TQHAF scholarship may reapply as follows:
   a. Post-graduate studies, including DVM.
   b. Additional undergraduate funding – if original scholarship provided funding of 2 years or less.

Scholarship Application, including ALL supporting materials and reference letters must be received by TQHA no later than January 4. The applicant must provide:

1. Completed, signed Scholarship Application prepared by the applicant.
    a. Please use a plain and legible font, or clearly print if handwritten, to ensure readability.
2. TQHYA or TQHA membership card copy or copy of submitted /paid membership application.
3. A personal essay, not to exceed 2 pages explaining:
    a. Applicant's career and educational goals, equine activities, and other information you wish to convey to the Committee.
    b. Applicant's financial need, including estimated costs, anticipated use of funds and any previously awarded scholarships.
4. Personal photograph
5. 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.
6. 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.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!! PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PROVIDED ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION.

Application Submission: All application materials must be received by TQHA office by January 4. If emailing the application, it must come 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 4 deadline.

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Any questions related to the submission of the application and support materials - contact Cheyenne Johanson at TQHA. The scholarship application and the supporting material becomes 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.

2027 Scholarship Application

Clearly print or use legible font

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:

Parent or Guardian Names: _____

TQHA Membership Number and Date joined: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Family Involvement with TQHA: Provide a brief summary of any family involvement with TQHA, including years of TQHA membership:

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Goals and Education Plans: State your educational and career goals:

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_____

Is your chosen curriculum: Four Year_____ Two Year_____ Other (describe)_____

If in high school, 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. _____

Anticipated college graduation date: _____

If currently in college: Name of institution and your grade level? _____

1. Academic Credentials

Name of School Location Dates Attended

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_____
_____
_____

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 _____

2. Equine Activities and Accomplishments

2a. Brief Summary of your participation in equine activities:

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_____
_____
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2b. TQHYA/TQHA:

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

_____
_____
_____

Have you served on TQHA/TQHYA Board or Committees? _____

If so, what positions and year: _____

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

Have you attended the TQHA Annual Meeting _____ TQHA Races _____ Yearling Sale _____

TQHA Shows/Barrel Races/other competitions_____

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

2c. AQHA/AQHYA:

Have you been involved in any AQHA/AQHYA activities? If so, please describe your participation/accomplishments:

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2d. Other Equine Areas:

Describe your participation/accomplishments in other equine related activities:

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_____

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

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

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:

Organizations: _____ Year: _____

_____ Year: _____

_____ 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 4 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 4. 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