



**Illinois Quarter Horse Association Queen  
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## **2017 ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION QUEEN CANDIDATE GUIDELINES**

It is the goal of the Illinois Quarter Horse Association to recognize deserving young adults who demonstrate active involvement in the horse industry, community involvement and leadership skills.

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Applications must be completed in full and should be printed neatly or electronically prepared. Application deadline June 15, 2017. In addition to the completed application, the applicant must provide:

- 1) An essay, not to exceed 1500 words explaining:
  - a. what the roll of Illinois Quarter Horse Queen means to you
  - b. life lessons learned through your involvement with horses
  - c. a platform to promote the American Quarter Horse Association
  - d. the applicant's career goals
- 2) Three personal letters of reference from non family members.  
References should be submitted with the application. The person providing the reference should place the letter in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal before giving it to the applicant.
- 3) Essay describing community or volunteer service projects
- 4) A completed application will include the following items and must be submitted by June 15, 2017 to the ILQHA office by mail or electronic submission: One color photo 8 X 10 in equine attire for use in promotional purposes. Please forward the digital version (300 DPI resolution) send to ILQHA office or Pat Fewell at pat.fewell@yahoo.com.

### **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY**

1. The candidate must be 18 to 25 years of age (as of January 1, 2017) and not married, divorced or given birth.
2. Candidate must be a current member of AQHA and ILQHA and be an Illinois resident.  
Provide verification of membership

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Judging will be based on the following criteria: equine involvement, community service, leadership qualities. Candidates will be given a score in each portion, the results will be based on total points earned.
2. A candidate will be able to represent only one state association.
3. The candidate must uphold their title with respect, honor, grace, integrity and dignity. Candidate will not involve themselves in any activities that bring dishonor to the title, contest, queen committee or fellow candidates. If asked to remove or edit media included on one's social media presence in conflict with the standards set forth by the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, candidate will comply and do so.
4. The selected Queen will represent the Illinois Quarter Horse Association at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH.
5. The Queen will be requested to attend the Illinois State Fair show in Springfield, IL, the ILQHA show held in Gordyville on July 13-16, the IL Fall Futurity, September 15-17, Rantoul, IL and the IQHA annual awards banquet, date and location TBD. Lodging expenses at the events listed will be provided by ILQHA.
6. Upon marriage, becoming pregnant or violating the rules outlined above, the Illinois Queen must relinquish her crown and all prizes connected with the crown to the first runner up in the contest.

7. All American Congress Queen information can be viewed by following this link:  
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55a112dbe4b0417147b6396c/t/58da83113e00be228d718a03/1490715411167/2017+All+American+Quarter+Horse+Congress+Queen+Contest+Application.pdf>

## **Illinois Quarter Horse Association Queen Contest Application**

Deadline for application June 15, 2017. Forward application to ILQHA office, PO Box 7, Ashmore, IL 61912

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

High School and/or College \_\_\_\_\_

Local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Parents name and address \_\_\_\_\_