



Texas Quarter Horse Foundation Youth Scholarship

The Texas Quarter Horse Foundation (TQHF) provides financial assistance to members of the Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association in the form of scholarships. It is the goal of TQHF to provide scholarship funds to deserving applicants who have a strong desire to continue their education as well as continue to develop leadership skills. Scholarship funds are to be used primarily for tuition, books and laboratory fees and shall be paid directly to the institution and will not be issued to the student or his/her family

Scholarship selection criteria include academic merit, financial need, active involvement in the TQHYA, community involvement, extracurricular activities, communication skills and demonstrated leadership ability. The scholarship amount shall be determined by the availability of funding and the number of applicants selected to receive a TQHF scholarship.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. TQHYA member in good standing and not over 19 years old upon application
2. Completed 11th grade
3. Application for the scholarship must be no later than the first anniversary of high school graduation
4. Cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
5. United States citizen and residency in the State of Texas

Scholarship Application must be personally prepared by the applicant. In addition to the completed application, the applicant must provide:

1. An essay, not to exceed 1,000 words explaining:
 - a. Why this scholarship is important to the applicant
 - b. How the applicant intends to use the scholarship funds
 - c. The applicant's ultimate goals and
 - d. The applicant's financial need
2. An official high school transcript (grades 10 – 11 mandatory, grade 12 to extent available on date of application) (Note 1)
3. Financial Need Information (Note 2)
4. Letters of Reference (Note 3)
 - a. One letter from a teacher
 - b. One letter from a person familiar with the applicant's equine involvement
 - c. One personal letter from a person over the age of 21 years

Reference letters should be submitted in a sealed envelope with the signature of the person providing the letter across the seal.

Application Submission: Applications must be received in the TQHA office by December 1. **An applicant shall be ineligible for consideration if any requirements or supporting documents are not submitted in the manner identified by the scholarship deadline.** The required essay must include all the topics noted in Item #1. Any questions or concerns related to the submission of the application and supporting materials should be directed to the TQHA office.

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.

The scholarship application and the supporting material become the property of the TQHF and will not be returned.

Selection Process: Recipients of TQHF scholarships are chosen by the TQHF Scholarship Committee and TQHF 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.

Additional Information regarding application requirements:

Note 1 - Official School Transcript: The transcript should contain a cumulative scholastic average ending with the academic year immediately preceding the application deadline. This average must be expressed as a numerical percentage (i.e. 95% / 100%) or as a ratio including the scale on which it is based (i.e. 3.89 out of 4.00). A copy of the school grading system, or a letter from the school official explaining the school grading system should accompany the scholarship application. Transcript should also contain the applicant's reported ACT and/or SAT scores, if available at the time the application is submitted. It is the student's responsibility to request and subsequently submit the required transcript by the scholarship deadline indicated.

Transcripts forwarded directly to the TQHF office from the applicant's school will be accepted if forwarded through the USPS. All academic documents, however, must be received no later than the application deadline. Scholarship applicants enrolled in advanced placement and/or dual credit in for college preparatory courses should provide an official transcript from each school the applicant is attending. If the applicant's high school transcript contains the scoring information from dual credit and/or college courses, then a transcript from the college attended will not be required. All documents should have an official signature for a school seal. All requirements and conditions also apply to home-schooled applicants.

Note 2- Financial Need Information: As noted previously, the essay should provide information regarding the applicant's financial need for a scholarship, including anticipated college expenses and sources of funding. Additionally, applicants must provide the first page of each parent's federal income tax return for the most recent income tax filing as an attachment to the application. Social Security numbers, tax ID numbers and employer ID numbers should be redacted by applicant.

Note 3: Letters of Reference: Applicants must provide a minimum of three completed scholarship reference letters. 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, TQHF committee members and / or spouses.



Applicant's Personal Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

TQHA Membership Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Family Information:

Father's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

TQHA Membership Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mother's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

TQHA Membership Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

TQHA Membership Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

What are your educational and career goals:

How long will you be in school to achieve these goals?

Scholastic Record

Name of School

Location

Dates Attended

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

(Please attach your official high school transcript)

Class Rank: _____ of _____

College Entrance Exam Score & Percentiles: ACT _____ SAT _____

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Names of Institutions to which you are applying in order of preference:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association Activities:

Have you served on the TQHYA Board? _____ If so, what position: _____

Have you attended AQHYA World? _____ Did you participate in Parade of Teams? _____

Have you attended the TQHA Convention? _____

Describe your participation in TQHYA activities or fundraising: _____

Have you attended TQHA Races? _____ Yearling Sale? _____

AQHA and other Horse Activities:

List all breed memberships, including leadership roles, and years of memberships:

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

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

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

Award/Accomplishment:

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

Award/Accomplishment:

Extracurricular Activities:

Academic Achievements:

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

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

Offices: _____ Year: _____
_____ Year: _____

Community Activities:

Activities: _____ Year: _____
_____ Year: _____

Clubs: _____ Year: _____
_____ Year: _____

Employment: _____

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

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Attach additional pages if necessary



Texas Quarter Horse Foundation Youth Scholarship Checklist

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: DECEMBER 1st, 2021

Registered mail is recommended to make deadline

For your application to be considered, each of the following items of information must be submitted with the scholarship application by December 1st or the application will be disqualified in its entirety.

- Completed scholarship application
- Proof that you are a TQHHA member in good standing and not over 19 years upon submitting your scholarship application.
- Financial information:
 - ✓ First page of parent's federal income tax return. Social Security numbers, Tax ID numbers and Employer ID numbers should be redacted by applicant.
 - ✓ Discussion of financial need is required to be included as a topic in the essay.
- Academic transcript (grades 10 – 11 mandatory, grade 12 to the extent available on date of application).
- An essay not to exceeding 1,000 words. In addition to the other topics you wish to cover in your essay, a discussion of financial need must also be addressed.
- Letters of reference.

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