

## 2024-2025 AzQHA Youth Guide

**AzQHA Mission:** To maintain an aggressive youth program to encourage youth participation in AQHA activities.

AzQHA welcomes all youth members passionate about horses to join! AzQHA is proud to have a long history of supporting our Youth association. We are proud to sponsor the stalls and entries of the AzQHA Youth World Show team, in addition to offering multiple scholarship opportunities throughout the year for our Youth members.

### **Active Youth Membership Requirements:**

- Submit an AzQHA Youth Membership Application by July 1st of the current year.
- Attend a minimum of 1 youth meeting (to be held at AzQHA approved events)
- Complete 8 Hours of Volunteer work (minimum of 4 hour at an AzQHA event)
- Fundraise a minimum of \$200 through AzQHA Youth Fundraisers

### **Youth World Show**

AzQHHA members may be on the Youth World team in two ways. All youth that show and receive the necessary AQHA qualifying points for each class can nationally qualify to be on the Arizona team. Those that do not qualify nationally may be on the youth team by state qualifying in their classes.

- The state qualified **youth must be one of the top 4 points earners in the state points for the qualifying year.** The Youth Advisor may allow up to 6 state qualifiers in certain more popular classes.
- Youth members must submit a completed Declaration, Volunteer hours, and Fundraising by April 30th, in order to be considered for state qualification.
- Youth must be a current and active member of AzQHA. See membership requirements above.
- If classes or stalls are paid by AzQHA and are canceled unless sickness/lameness of the horse, those costs will be reimbursed back to AzQHA by the parents of the youth.
- Non-active Youth members wishing to attend YWS with Team Arizona, will be responsible for all of their own expenses.
- **Residents of another state desiring to compete on the AzQHA youth team must attend a minimum of 4 AzQHA approved events during the qualifying period, perform all of the required volunteer hours within the state of Arizona as well as meet all of the requirements documented above. All out of state Youth will need to contact the Youth advisor for acceptance to the AzQHA youth team.**

**AzOHYA Youth Scholarship Interviews**

ANY ACTIVE\* AzQHYA youth members can compete at the scholarship interviews that are held at the Arizona Fall Championship Show. Depending on the sponsorship funds received, up to 8 or more scholarships may be given and this amount may vary from year to year. Youth can only do one interview per year but can win multiple years.

\*See above requirements

- Sign-ups will be at the Fall Championship show and the youth will have to sign up for a time slot for their interview, time slots are a first come/first served, if you have extenuating circumstance (i.e. Travel) please contact AzQHA Secretary to reserve a time slot.
- Youth will be asked pre-published interview questions and some non-published questions.

**Sample questions:**

Where do you see the future of the Quarter Horse industry and what changes would you make to improve it and create more youth participation?

What has impacted you the most during your youth career? What career path are you taking in college?

What have you done to help support the growth of AzQHYA?

AzQHA Board of Directors reserves the right to determine eligibility criteria and enhance the program as needed

**Important Dates**

<b>Forms</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Membership Application	July 1st, 2024
Youth World Show National Qualifying Period	May 1st, 2023- April 30th, 2024
Youth World Show Declaration L2/L3	April 30th, 2024
Fundraising Form	August 1st, 2024
Volunteer Hours	August 1st, 2024

**All forms due to the youth advisor by the above due dates. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**AQHA Youth World Show Declaration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AQHA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Horse AQHA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Foal Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's AQHA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the classes you would like to qualify for through the State below.**

**Be sure to include the Level, Age Grouping, and Class Name.**

**Ex: L2- 13 & Under Ranch Riding**

**Class(es):**

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**Please return form to Youth Advisor April 30th, 2024**  
**Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Association**  
**515 E Care Free Hwy PMB 405**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85085**  
[\*\*youth@azqha.org\*\*](mailto:youth@azqha.org)  
**Late &/or incomplete forms will not be accepted!**

**AzQHYA Fundraising & Participation Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AzQHA #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Fundraised:** \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$200 minimum for Active Membership**)

**Fundraisers Participated In:**

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**Volunteer/Participation:**

**Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_ (**8 Hour minimum for Active membership**)

**Events:**

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**Outside Volunteer Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form to Youth Advisor at the completion of each activity.**

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