

Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association

2014 RMQHYA Guide

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Introduction

The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association (RMQHYA) is one of the oldest established and recognized Quarter Horse youth associations in the United States. Young Quarter Horse enthusiasts of all ages up to and including 18 years of age are welcomed.

Almost 100% of the RMQHYA activities are achieved through volunteer efforts. Youth and parents alike are encouraged to ask questions, participate and learn more about what RMQHYA and its parent organization, RMQHA, have to offer.

The RMQHYA is managed by the youth through elected officers and directors from within its own membership. Oversight and direction from the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association (RMQHA) Board of Directors, Youth Committee and the Youth Advisor is provided.

RMQHA approves more than 50 events annually, including horse shows, special events, educational opportunities, open show outreach and other activities throughout the year supplying many chances for you to learn about and enjoy your horse more than ever.

RMQHYA has developed a program as outlined in this Guide to explain opportunities available to encourage expanded knowledge of the American Quarter Horse, to build character and to develop good leadership through various activities. The RMQHYA has adopted its own bylaws and point-keeping system for recognizing year-end awards in each eligible class and special year-end awards to the High Point Novice, 13 & Under and 14-18 Youth. Sportsmanship and other legacy awards are recognized each year at the annual convention of the RMQHA. In addition, several scholarship opportunities also are offered each year to deserving members.

Don't miss out on your opportunities to fully appreciate what RMQHYA has to offer!

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Youth Association (herein after referred to as “RMQHYA” or the “Association”).

Section 2.

The purpose of the RMQHYA shall be:

a. To establish a means whereby its members work in conjunction with, and qualify as members of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

b. To improve and promote the American Quarter Horse breed among youth.

c. To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation in the care, handling, horsemanship, safety and training through the exhibition of the American Quarter Horse.

d. To encourage high moral character, scholarship, leadership, community interest and sportsmanship among its members.

Article 2 – Membership

Section 1.

Age is determined as per the rules of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (“AQHYA”).

Section 2.

The dues of each individual member of the Association shall be \$25.00 per calendar year for the members within the area covered by the RMQHA and shall be due annually, January 1st, of each calendar year.

Section 3.

To be eligible to vote at a general membership meeting, the youth must be a member in good standing (i.e. dues paid and not under suspension from either RMQHYA or AQHYA).

Article 3 – Directors

Section 1.

The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, under the direction and guidance of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHYA.

Section 2.

The maximum number of directors shall be ten (10), one being elected from each of the five (5) regions set forth in Article 4, and the additional five (5) from the general membership. The Directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual membership meeting. All Directors shall be elected by all of the Youth members eligible to vote at the annual membership meeting.

Section 3.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Association or by a majority of the Board of Directors at such time or place as may be designated by written notice in the RMQHA Magazine, or by notice of the meeting given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

Section 4.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year at which a quorum is present.

Section 5.

The majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board of Directors there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

Section 6.

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority by majority vote to direct the affairs of the Association, including, but not limited to, the expenditure of money and activities relating to the conduct, management and purposes of the Association, all subject to the advice and approval of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHYA. At Large Directors duties include, but are not limited to assisting Region Directors and helping in the recruiting of new RMQHYA members

Section 7.

All business to be conducted by the Association must be first approved by the Board of Directors or the Youth Advisor.

Section 8.

All business will be conducted by the youth, through the youth.

Section 9.

If a director and/or officer miss two (2) Board of Director meetings during his elected term, unless such absence is due to sickness, death in the family, etc. he or she will be automatically removed from the Board and the Executive Board may appoint a replacement from the general membership to fulfill the remaining time.

Section 10.

To be nominated for a Director, the youth must be present at the annual membership meeting, unless such absence is due to sickness, death in the family, etc.

Section 11.

There shall be no proxy votes allowed at any meeting, General or Board of Directors.

Article 4 - Regions

Section 1.

There shall be five (5) regions within in the RMQHYA constituted as follows:

Region 1 includes the counties of Jackson, Larimer, Boulder, Weld, Morgan, Logan, Sedgwick and Phillips.

Region 2 includes the counties of Gilpin, Clear Creek, Jefferson, Denver, Park, Douglas and Teller.

Region 3 includes the counties of Broomfield, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, Yuma, Washington, El Paso, Lincoln, Kit Carson and Cheyenne.

Region 4 includes the counties of Fremont, Custer, Huerfano, Costilla, Pueblo, Las Animas, Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, Bent, Powers and Baca.

Region 5, includes the counties of Moffat, Routt, Grand, Rio Blanca, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Mesa, Pitkin, Delta, Gunnison, Lake, Chaffee, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale, Saguache, Dolores, San Juan, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta, Conejos and any other state which has members belonging to RMQHYA.

Section 2.

Every member, upon joining the Association, shall declare the region in which he or she lives. Any junior or senior member is eligible to run for regional director only in the region in which he or she declared.

Article 5 - Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. President shall be elected from the outgoing officers by the general membership at the Annual Convention. If no outgoing officer is available or interested in serving, the President shall be elected from the general membership at the Annual Convention. The Vice President must have at least two (2) years remaining in the Youth Association to run for Vice President. If no member with at least two (2) years remaining in the Association is available or interested in serving, the Vice President shall be elected from the general membership.

Section 2.

All officers shall be elected for a term of one year, and shall assume their office upon election.

Section 3- President

The President shall have all supervision of the affairs of the Association, subject to the Board of Directors and the advice of the Youth Advisor of the RMQHYA. The President shall preside over all meeting of the Association and all meeting of the Board of Directors and shall have other such duties and authorities as are prescribed elsewhere in the constitution. The President shall appoint any committees and chairman, which shall be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association

Section 4.

In order to be President of the Association, he or she must have served as an officer during the previous year. If no officer is available to run for President, then a President shall be elected from the outgoing Board of Directors by the general membership. If no outgoing Board of Director is available or interested in serving, the President shall be elected from the general membership.

Section 5-Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence, disability or inability of the President to act, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

Section 6-Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings, unless such absence is due to sickness or death in the family, etc., of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall record all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings at such meetings of the Board of Directors and the members. The Secretary shall keep an up to date roster of the Association members and call roll at each regular meeting.

Section 7.

The Secretary must submit a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the office of the RMQHA within ten (10) days of the meeting and the minutes must be published in the RMQHA Magazine.

Section 8-Reporter

The duties of the Reporter shall be to report all activities to the RMQHA Magazine and the American Quarter Horse Journal and to other news media or magazines.

Section 9-Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the responsibility of examining the financial needs of specific projects and the needs of RMQHYA and reporting those costs to the Board of Directors.

Article 6 – Delegates

Section 1.

The President and Vice President of the RMQHYA will be delegates to the Annual AQHYA Convention, and must attend all meetings while there. In the event that one of the delegates cannot attend, the RMQHYA President, with the approval of the Youth Advisor shall appoint an alternate delegate from the Board of Directors with preference given to the Executive Board. The general membership shall elect two (2) additional delegates according to AQHYA requirements. Election of additional delegates will be held during the Youth meeting during the Gold Rush Show.

Article 7 – Meetings

Section 1.

There shall be a minimum of one annual meeting a year to be held in conjunction with the Annual Convention and Awards Banquet.

Section 2

The membership shall be notified by written notice in the RMQHA Magazine fourteen (14) days before any general membership meeting is held with the exception of the Annual Meeting held during the Annual Convention.

Article 8 – Amending the Constitution

Section 1.

The Constitution and By Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By Laws may be adopted by the membership at any regular or special membership meeting upon thirty (30) days written notice thereof. By Laws Changes must also be approved by the Youth Advisor and Youth Committee.

Article 9 - Liability

Section 1.

The RMQHYA and the RMQHA shall not be responsible for loss due to accident, theft or otherwise sustained by any member, visitor or guest.

Article 10 – Auditing

Section 1.

Selected auditors will tabulate and audit the youth points. No other persons other than the auditors and the RMQHA Secretaries will be allowed to work with the youth points in any way.

Section 2.

Points will be counted from Rocktoberfest (Oct), or first day of membership, through the last RMQHA approved show in the same year. The exhibitor can use all of the class points in one year toward Year End Awards. Conditions are published each year in RMQHA Magazine.

Magazine

Magazine

Included with each yearly paid membership is a subscription to the RMQHA Magazine, the official publication of the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association. This illustrated monthly magazine is filled with current news of interest to Quarter Horse owners and exhibitors.

Expense Reimbursements

All receipts for expenses approved by the Youth Advisor and incurred by a Youth or his/her parent, must be ***submitted to the RMQHA office within 90 days of the date of purchase.***

EXCEPTION: All expenses incurred, which relate to or pertain to year-end awards ***MUST*** be submitted by December 31st of the same year in which the award was presented.

Year End Awards Conditions 2014

1. Points will be counted beginning from the 2013 RMQHA Rocktoberfest Show, or the first day of paid membership. Every point earned at any RMQHA approved show will count toward Year End Awards. There is no limit on the number of points an exhibitor can earn.

2. All Year End Awards will be based on a one-horse/ one-rider basis.

3. To be eligible for Year End Awards all RMQHYA members must:

a. Attend a minimum of two (2) meetings and

b. Complete a minimum of two (2) participation days/events or complete one participation day and one fundraiser

c. The youth **MUST** also obtain a minimum of *One Hundred Dollars* (\$100.00) in sponsorship or fundraiser money. The first \$50.00 must be obtained in either form no later than June 1st, 2014. The second \$50.00 must be obtained in either form by October 1st, 2014 for a total of \$100.00. Year End Award money and forms are due **June 1st, 2014 and October 1st, 2014.**

d. Requirements must be completed in the given time frame. This time frame begins January 1st, and runs through October 1st. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

4. The point system for halter classes:

Horses in the 2 & under and 3 and over classes are receive one point for every horse shown.

Example: 10 horses entered in class

- 1st place -10 points
- 2nd place – 9 points
- 3rd place – 8 points
- 4th place – 7 points
- 5th place – 6 points
- 6th place – 5 points
- 7th place – 4 points
- 8th place – 3 points
- 9th place – 2 points

5. The point system for performance classes: 13 & under and 14-18 divisions are decided by the age of the youth member with one point given for every horse shown.

Example: 6 horses entered in class

- 1st place – 6 points
- 2nd place – 5 points
- 3rd place – 4 points
- 4th place – 3 points
- 5th place – 2 points
- 6th place – 1 point

6. Year End class awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place. Year End class awards will be given in the following events:

- **18 and under classes:** western riding, trail, reining, all speed events, all cattle events and all over-fences events.
- **13 & Under and 14-18:** Showmanship, hunter under saddle, equitation, western pleasure and horsemanship.
- **Novice:** showmanship, hunter under saddle, equitation, western pleasure, horsemanship, reining, trail, western riding
- **Halter classes:** 2 and under geldings and mares, 3 and over geldings and mares

7. Each exhibitor must earn points in a minimum of three (3) classes (either the same event 3 separate times or 3 separate events) to be eligible.

8. High Point Year End Awards will include a High Point Champion, a Reserve High Point Champion and Top Ten awards for each of the three (3) divisions (13 & under, 14-18 and Novice).

- Points earned in both Halter and Performance events will be counted toward 13 & under and 14-18 High Point Awards.
- Novice points will only be used for the Novice High Point Awards and will not be included in the calculation of the 13 & under and 14-18 High Point Awards.
- Each exhibitor must earn points in a minimum of three (3) classes (either the same event 3 separate times or 3 separate events) to be eligible.

9. Once points are tabulated for the year, all non-eligible exhibitors will be removed and the next eligible member will be moved into the open position. This will cause a chain effect of eligible members.

Example: If the 3rd place horse is not eligible, the 4th place horse will move up to 3rd place, the 5th place horse will move to 4th place, etc.

10. Should there be a question concerning the tabulation of results for Year End Awards, questions should be addressed to the RMQHA office no later than November 1st of the current year.

Tentative Fundraisers and Youth Activity Dates

Bellringer, Denver, CO	Feb 21st- 22 nd 2014	Basket Bonanza/ Coffee Table
Gold Rush Denver, CO	March 21 st (Friday) @ 430pm	Annual Chili Cook-off/ Coffee Table
Colorado Gold Loveland, CO	April 24 th – 27 th , 2014	TBD
RMQHA Rookie Show Parker, CO	May 11 th , 2013	Youth Participation Opportunity
Mile High Classic Denver, CO	May 15 th – 18 th , 2014	50/50 Raffle(?)/ Coffee Table
Colorful Colorado Loveland,CO	June 12 th - 15 th ,2014	Youth Versatility
Heart of the Rockies Castle Rock,CO	July 24 th – 27 th 2013	
Fall Classic & Futurities, Denver,CO	Sept 11 th - Sept 14 th , 2014	Coffee Table
Rocktoberfest Loveland, CO	Oct 24 th - Oct 26 th , 2014	None

Youth Meeting Schedule

- Bellringer – Feb.22nd –*tentatively following the last youth trail class*
- Gold Rush – March 22nd – *tentatively following last youth trail class*
- Colorado Gold- None
- Mile High Classic – May 17th
- Colorful Colorado – June 14th
- Heart of the Rockies- July 26th
- Fall Classic & Futurities – Sept.13th

*NOTE: Please check at www.rmgha.com for changes to schedule and dates/times that were not available at printing.

Participation Rules

To receive participation credit you must pre arrange with the Youth Advisor the date and time you plan to work. This must be done five (5) days prior to the event to allow the event planner to schedule work for you.

*Youth members in the 13 & under age division are required to work a minimum of three (3) hours per event. Youth members in the 14-18 age division are required to work a minimum of four (4) hours per event.

*If a youth member signs up to work and does not show up for shift they will be required to complete two (2) participation days to make up for the one missed day. If you do need to cancel your shift you may do so 24 hours prior with no penalty.

*It is the youth member's responsibility to plan ahead to find which participation days work for their schedules. We will not be adding extra days to accommodate your needs.

*Signed form must be returned within two (2) weeks of participation day to receive credit.

*The last participation day will be the RMQHA Fall Futurity. There will be limited work slots available; don't put off your participation day until the last minute.

*Proper dress is expected during participation days. Please remember you are representing RMQHYA and should be dressed in a modest fashion. Please, no shorts, tank tops, sweat pants, etc.

*Participation forms are in the back of the Youth Guide, and are available online.

Participation Days **(Tentative)**

Please check RMQHA.com for additional participation days not available at time of printing. Use the empty spaces provided to write down the name of an event that was worked but not listed above, along with a contact name and telephone number, as well as hours worked. No participation will be counted that cannot be verified with a name and telephone number.

NWSS Select Sale	January 2013
Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Booth, Denver	March 2013
RMQHA Rookie Show Parker, CO (limited space)	May 12 th , 2013
RMQHA Fall Futurities	September 2013
Mentoring & Membership Committee Table	Multiple Opportunities

For the 2014 year youth are not limited to just these events. They are allowed to volunteer at a therapeutic riding center in their area as well as working the concession stand during Pre-Denver. If there are other ideas for participation they MUST be approved, but the Youth Advisor no later than May 30th, 2014.

Sponsorship Rules
Youth Year End Award Sponsorship

- All sponsorship forms must be returned to the Youth Advisor no later than....

June 1st, 2014 and October 1st, 2014

THERE WILL BE NO LATE SPONSORSHIPS ACCEPTED AFTER THESE DATES

- Forms must be completely filled out
- A minimum of \$100.00 in sponsorship or fundraised money is required to be eligible for Year End Awards.
- The first \$50.00 of the \$100 must be completed/paid by June 1st, 2014 this can be fundraised or in a sponsored form. The second \$50.00 must be completed/paid by October 1st, 2014. This again can be by sponsorship or fundraiser. If sponsored please make check out to RMQHYA and include youth name on memo line. If fundraised please list fundraisers participated in and amount earned.
- **No sponsorships will be accepted after June 1st, 2014 or October 1st, 2014.**

Participation Form

Youth Name: _____

Event: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Supervised by: _____

Contact number: _____

Supervisor Comments: _____

Youth Comments: _____

Participation form must be received by Oct 1st, 2014

**Youth 14-18 must complete 4 hours of participation,
Youth 13& Under must complete 3 hours of
participation**

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Sponsorship Form

Year End Award Sponsorship

Youth Member: _____

Name of Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Sponsors Address (if applicable): _____

Amount Sponsored: _____

Fundraisers Participated in: _____

Total Amount Fundraised: _____

Check or Cash? _____

Form must be filled out completely to receive credit.

Youth must earn a total of \$100.00 either through fundraising or by sponsorship. The first \$50.00 must be received or fundraised by **June 1st, 2014**. The second \$50.00 must be received or fundraised by **October 1st, 2014**.

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Fundraiser Form

Youth Name: _____

Fundraiser: _____

Amount of Money Collected: _____

Date or Show: _____

Supervised By: _____

Supervisor or Treasurer's Signature:

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Congress Committee

This committee is responsible for assigning competing youth members to the possible 3 Congress NYATT teams (RMQHA, NCQHA, and CCQHA). The committee will consist of the Youth Committee members along with the current President and Vice President of RMQHYA.

Congress Show Qualification

1. Those interested in competing on the 2014 NYATT Team must submit a letter of intent to the Youth Advisor by **AUGUST 1st, 2014**. This letter must include the two (2) classes the youth would like to show in addition to an alternate class in case one of the original two is not available. The name of the horse they would like to compete with must also be included. Parental signature is required.

2. Letter of intent is available at back of the Youth Guide and copies are also available online.

3. If more than six members are interested in the same event, then the Congress Committee will go to points.

-The qualifying dates for the Congress team are from the 2013 Rocktoberfest Show through August 1, 2014. Points will be tabulated for current members in good standing with RMQHYA.

- The exhibitor will be allowed to use points accumulated during the show year at all RMQHA approved shows. The point system used will be the same as the current Year End Award system. Only points received in the RMQHA office by August 1st will be counted if necessary.

-Points will be based on the riders' accumulated points (with one horse). Rider may choose which horse they would like to show on the NYATT Team.

4. The NYATT team for RMQHYA may consist of two (2) exhibitors in each of the following events: Horsemanship, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Reining, and Barrel Race.

5. Both 13 & under and 14-18 exhibitors are eligible.

NYATT Congress Team Form

Both 13 & under and 14-18 riders are eligible to represent RMQHYA at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in the National Youth Association Team Tournament. Youth will be assigned to 1 of 3 teams through random assignment by the Congress Committee. If more than 6 youth are interested in the same event, then the committee will go to state points. Points accumulated at RMQHA approved shows beginning at the 2013 Rocktoberfest Show through August 1, 2014 will be counted. Only points received in the RMQHA office by August 1st will be counted. All points are tabulated on a one horse/one rider basis. Once qualified youth may choose what horse they want to compete on during the team tournament. Team RMQHYA may consist of two qualifiers in each event offered. The events are horsemanship, showmanship, hunter under saddle, western pleasure, reining, and barrel racing. **Youth interested must submit the following form to Rachel Haseman by August 1st, 2014**

Youth Member: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Events interested in for the NYATT Team

_____ **Showmanship** _____ **Hunter Under Saddle**

_____ **Reining** _____ **Barrel Race**

_____ **Western Pleasure**

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AQHYA World Show Qualification

National Qualification

To qualify nationally, riders must earn a predetermined number of AQHA points in the event that they are interested in. At www.aqha.org, under membership services, exhibitors can find out how many points it takes to qualify for their event, and find out how many points they have accumulated toward qualification. Points earned between May 1st, 2013 and April 30th, 2014 will count towards the 2014 World Championship Show. Once an exhibitor has earned the requisite number of points in an event to qualify nationally, AQHYA will mail the necessary entry forms and information. Youth eligible to attend the AQHYA World Show on a national invitation are required to complete the forms and submit them to the Youth Advisor by June 24th, 2014. In addition to the completed forms, the Youth must meet the \$100 sponsorship requirement set forth below.

State Qualification

1. The state qualifying dates for the 2014 RMQHYA World Show team begin with the 2013 Rocktoberfest Show through June 15th, 2014 or first day of paid membership of the youth member.

2. Cutting and Team Penning will be based on National AQHA points. Interested youth must contact Advisor by **June 25, 2014**.

4. For all other events:

a. There are 10 specified qualifying show dates. These dates include:

- 2013 Rocktoberfest, October – 1 judge
- Bellringer, February 22nd and 23rd – 2 judges
- Gold Rush, March 22nd and 23rd – 2 judges
- CO Gold, April 26th and 27th – 1 judges
- Mile High, May 17th and 18th – 1 judge
- Colorful CO, June 12th & 15th – 2 judges
- Fall Futurities, Sept 13th and 14th – 1 judge (counts toward 2015 qualifying)

b. *All exhibitors intending to qualify in an event or events must declare such intent in writing no later than **May 1st, 2014***. A Declaration Form must be completed and returned specifying each class that the exhibitor and horse combination intend to qualify in along with a check made payable to RMQHYA in the amount of \$10.00 for each class declared.

c. The exhibitor will be allowed to use his/her six (6) best placings in each respective event. There is no minimum number of times the exhibitor must show to be eligible; it is done strictly on a point basis using no more than six (6) shows. The top four (4) horses in each event will represent RMQHYA at the AQHYA World Championship Show. An alternate entry will be picked on the same basis. Any RMQHYA members receiving National invitations will represent RMQHYA in addition to the top four (4) riders/horses qualifying in through the state.

d. On qualifying days, if a class is split into age divisions (13 & under and 14-18), the show management will offer an 18 & under qualifying class. The youth must show in both the qualifying class and the corresponding age division class in order for their points to count towards AQHYA Youth World Show qualifying. The five (5) classes include: Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship and Equitation. In the event the Youth shows in a qualifying class and elects not to show in the corresponding age division class, an entry fee for the corresponding class will still be incurred. The RMQHA scratch policy will not apply to qualifying and corresponding age division classes.

e. All points will remain on a one-horse/ one-rider basis. Contestants in the top nine (9) will be given one point for each exhibitor placing below him plus one point up to a maximum of nine (9) points.

Example: If there are 12 horses in the class, the 1st place horse will receive 9 points, 2nd place will receive 8 points, etc. through nine (9) placings.

f. In case of a tie, the youth winning the highest number of first places will be selected followed by the highest number of second place awards.

g. All qualifiers must be current members in good standing with RMQHYA.

h. Any appeals regarding qualifiers must be made in writing to the Youth Advisor or the RMQHA office AND be received on or before June 25th. The final decision is to be made by the Show and Performance Vice-President.

i. ***Once qualified, each team member will be responsible for obtaining \$100 in sponsorship money. Sponsorship money is due July 25th, 2014.*** The sponsorship money will be used for stall decorations, T-shirts and beverages throughout the show. The sponsorship form is located at the back of the Youth Guide, and is available online.

j. These qualifying rules will remain in effect for the 2013 and 2014 show seasons.

AQHYA Youth World Show Declaration Form

Youth Name:

Horse(s) Name:

Qualifying Events:

Date:

Please include a check for \$10.00 for each event declared, per horse, payable to RMQHYA. If more than one horse, please include all horses names.

Return by May 1st, 2014 to:

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World Show Sponsorship Form

Congratulations on qualifying for the AQHYA World Show! It will be a fun and hot August in Oklahoma City. Each member of the World Show team must obtain **\$100** in sponsorship money. Sponsorship money is due **July 25th, 2014**. The sponsorship money will be used for stall decorations, T-shirts, and beverages throughout the show. Below is the sponsorship form. Checks should be made out to RMQHYA.

Sponsor:	Amount:
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Youth Member:

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Special Awards

The RMQHA/RMQHYA and AQHYA offer many wonderful programs. The following is a list of several of the opportunities available.’

Sportsmanship Awards

These awards are given to two (2) individuals, one 13& under and one 14-18, selected by the general membership by secret ballot at the convention meeting. If they were winning or losing, these members have shown excellent sportsmanship throughout the year. The winners will be announced at the banquet.

Mitzi Powers Rookie of the Year Award

This award is presented annually in honor of Mitzi Powers. Mitzi showed her first year in RMQHYA when she was 11 years old. She qualified for the World Championship Show, and participated on the Congress team, leaving her mark in the show arena. That year, on Christmas Eve, she was diagnosed with Reye’s syndrome. She died several days later. This award is given to a member, who in their first year of showing has left their mark on the RMQHYA. The Youth Committee will select a winner using secret ballots, and the award is presented at the banquet.

Making a Difference Award

At the 2003 Annual Convention, the Youth Association introduced the Making a Difference Award. The award will be given annually to an adult who makes a difference within the RMQHYA. The award will be voted on by the Youth Board and presented at the banquet that night.

Committees

RMQHYA has six (6) active committees. They are the World Show, Membership & Mentoring, Year-End Award, Scrapbook and the RMQHYA Youth Committee.

World Show Committee

The chairman of the World Show Committee is the current RMQHYA President. The responsibilities of the committee are; to select a team World Show theme, discuss a budget with the Treasurer, order T-shirts, hats, etc. organize the stall decorating party in July, arrange to have white board, CO flag, RMQHYA banner, stall curtains and magazines taken to Oklahoma City. While in Oklahoma the committee is responsible for preparing a stall-sweeping chart and maintaining current information on the white board, organizing a picnic lunch, picture times and stall decorating times for the team.

Mentoring & Membership Committee

The chairman of the Mentoring & Membership Committee (M&M) is the current RMQHYA Vice President. The responsibilities of the committee are to arrange and manage participation days with the RMQHA. There should be activities planned for the All Novice Shows and for the trail ride. The committee should work with Region Directors in planning a grass roots approach to increasing membership. This committee is also responsible for welcoming new members or those showing for the first time. These responsibilities include introducing youth to trainers and other youth members as well as encouraging them to attend meetings and explaining the idea of fundraisers, participation, etc.

Fund Raising Committee

The chairman of the Fund Raising Committee is the current RMQHYA Treasurer. The Fund Raising Committee will select the fundraisers for the current year. They are in charge of all details concerning each fund raiser; printing raffle tickets, distributing tickets, collecting monies, advertising (for both youth selling and to prospective buyers) and reporting participants for the Quarter Pal of the Year. They are also responsible for setting and maintaining a budget for the RMQHYA.

Scrapbook Committee

The chairman of the Scrapbook Committee is the current RMQHYA Reporter. The Scrapbook Committee is responsible for creating a scrapbook showcasing RMQHYA activities for the year. The scrapbook should meet AQHYA standards and be presented during the Youth World Show. The committee is responsible for taking pictures and collecting pictures from other sources.

Year End Awards Committee

The chairman of the Year End Awards Committee is the current RMQHYA Secretary. The Year End Awards Committee is responsible for preparing a budget, polling the youth members for ideas and then selecting awards. Once awards arrive, they need to be sorted and handed out during the Annual Convention. Any unclaimed awards must be labeled and mailed or sent to the Rocky Mountain office for pick up.

Congress NYATT Team Committee

This committee is responsible for assigning competing youth members to the possible 3 Congress NYATT teams (RMQHA, NCQHA, and CCQHA). The committee will consist of the Youth Committee members along with the current President and Vice President of RMQHYA.

RMQHYA Youth Committee

The chairman of the RMQHYA Youth Committee is Jimmy Daurio. The committee members are Rachel Haseman, Miya Childers, Jan Guynn, Shaun Gloude, and Leslie Lange. The committee reports to the RMQHA Executive Board of Directors.

All Committees

All committees should consist of a chairman, a parent liaison and 4-6 active committee members. It is the chairman's responsibility to form committees, set meeting times (minimum of three (3) per year) and report committee activity at youth meetings, board meetings and to the Youth Advisor on a regular basis.

Scholarships

RMQHYA

Each year, at least one \$1000 scholarship is available to deserving members of the RMQHYA. The scholarship is based on an application process. Those members, who are either seniors in high school or are in their last year as a youth, are eligible to apply. Scholarship awards are based on RMQHYA participation, academic achievements and community service involvement. Applications can be obtained through the RMQHA office, on-line, or contact Rachel Haseman. They **MUST** be turned into the RMQHA office no later than **June 15th**.

Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship awarded through the RMQHA Foundation. There is no age limit on this scholarship as long as the youth was a previous member of RMQHYA and is still in college at the time scholarship is awarded. Youth must still be a member of RMQHA at time of application. This scholarship will be awarded on both academics and participation in RMQHYA and growth of the industry. Application available through the RMQHA office or youth adviser.

Northwest Insurance Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the highest pointed Youth or Novice Youth exhibitor at the Fall Classic show.

AQHYA

There are also a number of scholarships awarded through AQHYA. To be eligible the applicant must be a member in good standing with the AQHYA or AQHA, not have received an AQHYA scholarship previously, be ranked in the top 25% of their high school class, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be able to show financial need. Applications can be obtained on www.aqha.org, under the youth link, or by calling the AQHYA office at 806.376.4811.

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