



Application Deadline: April 30, 2024

The applicant must be a current member in good standing and comply with all AQHA and NJQHA rules and regulations. The applicant must be 18-25 years of age (as of 1/1 of competing year). Applicant may not be married, divorced, or a single parent. Upon marriage or becoming pregnant Queen must relinquish her crown to the first runner-up. Applicants may serve as NJQHA Queen no more than two consecutive times. Judging will be as follows:

1. **Personal Interview 40%:** The interview will be conducted by a three-person panel to be held at the NJQHA Show, 2024. The date and time are to be determined. Interview will include but not be limited to, for example: a discussion of the application and its information, rules, and regulations of AQHA and NJQHA. Judging will be based on answers, written speech, poise, personality, overall presentation, articulation, and the completed Congress Queen Application, including pictures, presented at interview.
2. **Written Test 40%:** The written test will be held immediately following the personal interview. The written test will be comprised of 20 questions (true/false, multiple choice and fill in the blanks). Questions will be taken from the current year's AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations (75%) and NJQHA Bylaws and Rules (25%). Answers must exactly match the corresponding source to be considered correct.
3. **Horsemanship/Equitation 20%:** The horsemanship/equitation class will be judged by a three-person panel and will be held at NJQHVA show, exact date and time to be determined. The class will consist of pattern work as determined by judges and rail work. The class is to be judged per AQHA Rule 431 thru 437.4. The applicant may show any AQHA registered quarter horse.

All applicants will be given a score in each portion of the contest that will determine the overall results. In the event of a tie the person scoring highest in the personal interview will be crowned NJQHA Queen.

The applicant that is crowned is expected to: 1) adhere to the NJQHA Code of Conduct, 2) participate in the Congress Queen Contest, 3) assist in presenting awards at the NJQHVA 2024 Show, 4) Banquet for 2024, 5) assist with one promotional booth presentation, 6) assist in future NJQHA Queen Contests including the crowning of the Queen the following year, and 7) be a spokesperson for NJQHA.

NJQHA will supply the Queen's Crown and Sash. NJQHA will provide \$675 to help cover the Congress application fee which covers the hotel fee at Congress for the contest. This payment will be made after the Queen has completed the Congress competition. The applicant, with the assistance of NJQHA and NJQHVA will be responsible for raising funds for all other expenses (personal transportation, horse transportation, food (human and equine)

etc. All funds raised will be made payable to NJQHA then reimbursed to the Queen for expenses. The Queen will maintain a written record of expenses with receipts. Any leftover monies will be applied to the next year Queens's expenses. The Queen will retain the crown and sash as a memoir of her Reign.

Signature and Date

2024 NJQHA Queen Contest

Rules, Guidelines and Application

New Jersey Quarter Horse Association Queen Contest Application (Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Age (As of 1/1/24): _____ Date of Birth: _____ AQHA No. _____ Exp Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parents' Names: _____

High School: _____ Graduated: _____

Favorite Subject: _____ Scholastic Average: _____

College: _____ Graduated: _____

Major/Minor: _____ Scholastic Average: _____

Leadership Positions or Offices Held: _____

Honors or Awards Received: _____

Currently Employed: Yes _____ No _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

Position Held/Job Description: _____

Interests, Hobbies, Sports or Activities: _____

Community Service: _____

Written Speech: Please provide a one-page written speech about yourself. Please highlight your accomplishments, goals, plans and why you believe you can best represent NJQHA as the 2024 Queen.

Mail the completed application and written speech to:

Flossie Ale
39 Route 540
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Must be postmarked by April 30, 2024