



## 2023 MQHA QUEEN CONTEST

- The Queen will be crowned at the 2023 MQHA Easter Eggstravaganza!
  - The Queen will represent MQHA at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in October 2023!
1. Candidate must complete the contest application and return it with the \$25.00 fee, a biography, three (non-related) references and a color photo. The complete packet must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2023 or emailed by March 15. The candidate understands that the photo may be used for publicity on the MQHA website and Facebook pages.
  2. Queen candidate must be between the ages of 18 and 25 as of January 1 of the current year. The candidate must be single, never divorced/annulled or a single parent.
  3. Previous Queen Contest winners are encouraged to enter; however, the contestant is ineligible if she has been Queen three times for this or any other Quarter Horse association.
  4. The candidate must have been a MQHA member at least one year prior to the Queen Contest application due date and be a current member in good standing of both MQHA and AQHA. The candidate must also be a Michigan resident with a residency exception granted for a candidate who can prove two years prior involvement with the Association (volunteering, showing or other activities Queen Committee may seem good fit for a candidate). All candidate's involvement including showing and volunteering at MQHA events prior to application deadline will be considered and reviewed by the board and the Queen's Committee prior to accepting the application.
  5. Candidate may ride any AQHA registered horse.
  6. The contest winner will automatically be on the following years' MQHA Queen Committee.
  7. Queen candidates must compete in all categories of the Contest;
    - A. Oral Interview – max. 40 points (3 Judges)
    - B. Written Test – max. 40 points (Questions from AQHA Rule Book)
    - C. Horsemanship – max. 20 points (3 Judges)(Please note that in judged categories, the overall scores will be averaged)
  9. The Queen will represent Michigan at the QH Congress. Attendance will be mandatory at the MQHA Futurity, MQHA Convention and the MQHA Harbor Classic. The Queen will also be encouraged to attend five additional events that are approved by the Queen committee and will work within the Queen's availability.
  10. Queen will be responsible for thanking sponsors.
  11. If the Queen is actively showing a horse on the MQHA circuit, the committee will, on a case by case basis, take into consideration the showing commitments and Queen duties and adjust appropriately.