

# Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association

September 2018 Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events

### WQHA Board of Directors Meeting

September 25, 2018 - 6:30 pm

Holiday Inn - Fond du Lac

### District Meetings:

District 1

October 2, 2018 7:30 pm

Meyer's Landing - Mosinee

District 2

October 4, 2018 6:30 pm

Machine Shed - Appleton

District 3 & 4

October 9, 2018 6:30 pm

Bublitz Restaurant and Ale House - Lomira

District 5 & 6

October 2, 2018 - 6:30 pm

El Jardin Mexican Restaurant - Janesville

**\*\*Save the Date\*\***

WQHA Year End Banquet

January 12, 2019

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## **WQHA Scholarship Application**



## WQHA Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
College Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Answer the following Questions to the best of your ability. Limit each response to no longer than 1 page.**

1. Describe time donated, activities participated in and offices held within WQHVA, WQHA, AQHA or any of its affiliates.
2. Describe other horse related activities you have been a part of such as 4-H, FFA, etc.
3. List non horse related groups or clubs, both in and outside of school that you have participated in. Be sure to include positions held and awards earned.
4. Share any charities or public service activities you have participated in or ways you have improved the lives of others or your community.
5. Please express your future educational and career goals.

### Eligibility

- Applicant must be an active member of the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association and/or the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Youth Association.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a two year or more post high school educational venue.
- Applicant should be willing to assist at one WQHA-sponsored event during the year, for example the State Show, Annual Convention, Horse Fair, or a Fundraiser.
- An applicant that has received a WQHA Scholarship may apply one additional year as long as they are still enrolled in post secondary education.

### Materials/Information required:

- A completed application
  - A transcript from the most recent school of attendance
  - A letter of acceptance from school applicant plans to attend
  - Any letters of recommendation (minimum of three)
  - A digital copy of a photograph of the applicant.
- You may be asked to provide proof of attendance of the school attended the semester after the scholarship was received.

Applicants will be notified concerning a personal interview  
with the WQHA Scholarship Committee

### Applications due by September 30th of current year

Mail completed applications to:  
Kerry Hansen, 2001 S. County Road P, Luxemburg, WI 54217  
920-217-9776 or email to [kerryhansen93@aol.com](mailto:kerryhansen93@aol.com)

## Jack & Jane Bound Scholarship

# Jack & Jane Bound Memorial Scholarship

### Who is this scholarship for?

This scholarship is for youth members of the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association who have an interest in pursuing equine related goals as they further their education and experience. Jack and Jane have always given back to the horse community not only through WQHA but at a national level. Their family would like to honor them by helping out those who have a similar interest. This is not limited to those who want to be a horse trainer or veterinarian. If your interest lies in equine photography you need money for a camera or equipment, if you are preparing for an apprenticeship as a farrier and need money for your tools, etc. this scholarship is for you! In the financial section of the application, please describe the items the money will be used for and why they are important for you to have.



# Jack & Jane Bound Memorial Scholarship

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD OF STUDY/AREA OF EQUINE INTEREST \_\_\_\_\_

**Include (on a separate page) answers to the following-**

**A. Time Donated to WQHA – Positions held in WQHYA and/or WQHA**

1. Relate how your time spent in WQHA and the horse industry as a whole will help you in the future.
2. Describe your one most meaningful horse related experience, and why?
3. How do you see the horse industry evolving in the next 10 years and how do you hope to be a part of it?
4. As a seasoned WQHA/AQHA member, what advice would you give to someone just starting out?

**B. Goals Include a statement of your Education/Career Goals.**

- C. Financial Needs** Why are you a good candidate to receive this scholarship? What specifically related to the equine industry, will you use this scholarship for?

**Eligibility**

- Applicant must be an active member of the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association and/or the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Youth Association.
- Applicant must be pursuing goals related to the equine industry.
- Applicant should be willing to assist at one WQHA-sponsored event during the year, for example the State Show, Banquet, Horse Fair, or a Fundraiser.

**Materials/Information required:**

- A completed application
- 3 letters of recommendation (not from family members)

Applicants will be notified concerning a personal interview with the WQHA Scholarship Committee

**Applications due by September 30th of current year**

Mail completed applications to:  
Kerry Osborn, 2001 S. County Road P, Luxemburg, WI 54217  
AND EMAIL A COPY TO- [kerryhansen93@aol.com](mailto:kerryhansen93@aol.com)



40th  
Annual

**State Show**

64th  
Annual

**State Show**



**CHEESEHEAD C**

# Slot class winners

## Trail



Congratulations to Mac N Zipple owned by Kimberly Bengston and shown by Alex Miller winning the 2018 Trail Slot Class at the WQHA State Shows earning a payout of \$592 and the Champion buckle sponsored by Sales Paddock App!

2nd place - Pleasure Do N Biznus owned by Mary Goos and shown by Karla Friedli earning \$370 and receiving a Noble Outfitters Gift bag sponsored by One Stop Equine Shop, 100 lbs of Nutrena Feed and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

3rd place - Highest Placing Green Horse receiving a \$500 bonus plus a \$244 payout - This Midnight Cowboy owned by Grace Haugstad and shown by Valerie

Kearns receiving 100 lbs of Nutrena Feed, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and a polo shirt sponsored by VS Cracked the Code

4th place - Gota Lota Frost owned and shown by Deb Salemi earning \$163 plus a \$250 bonus payout as the highest placing non pro and WQHA member sponsored by WAQHA. Also receiving Doctors Choice Supplement, an Anew Insurance Gift bag and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

5th place - Memphis Bound owned by Koleene Herlocker and shown by Jess Bergantzel earning \$111 and receiving a 1 Month Supply of Horse Logic Supplements donated by Horse Logic, Represented by Becki Schwab-Janezick and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

## Longe Line



Congratulations to Its Only Rock and Roll owned and shown by Kurt Heling winning the 2018 Longe Line Slot Class at the WQHA State Shows! Kurt received a payout of \$624 and Champion buckle sponsored by Sales Paddock App. Kurt also earned a \$250 bonus payout for being the highest placing non pro and WQHA member sponsored by the Wisconsin Amateur Quarter Horse Association!

2nd place - I Know Best owned by Yvonne Weinberger and shown by Travis Born earning \$390 and receiving a Standard Color Weighted Tail Sponsored by R&B Custom Tails and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

3rd place - Inviting Envy owned by Mark Holtzman and shown by Kevin Carr earning \$258 and receiving 100 lbs Nutrena Feed, a Noble Outfitters gift bag sponsored by One Stop Equine Shop, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and a polo shirt sponsored by VS Cracked the Code

4th place - Flirtin With The Girls owned and shown by Melissa Baker earning \$171 and receiving Doctors Choice Supplement, an Anew Insurance Bag and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

5th place - Wow U With My Dance Moves owned and shown by Valerie St. Germain earning \$117 and receiving a 1 Month Supply of Horse Logic Supplements donated by Horse Logic, Represented by Becki Schwab-Janezick, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and an Anew Insurance Bag



## Green Hunter Under Saddle



Congratulations to Lucky To Sleep owned and shown by Amy Bucholtz winning the Green Hunter Under Saddle Slot Class at the WQHA State Shows earning \$560 plus the Champion Buckle sponsored by Sales Paddock App. Amy also won an additional \$250 bonus payout for being the highest placing non pro and WQHA member sponsored by the Wisconsin Amateur Quarter Horse Association!

2nd place - Uptown Joe Brown owned by Curt Ferguson and shown by Amy Marx earning \$350 and receiving a \$150 Marigold Gift Certificate sponsored by Marigold and Daly Creek Tack, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt, and a Noble Outfitters gift bag sponsored by One Stop Equine Shop

3rd place - Better With Moxie owned by Ami Spevacek and shown by Brittany Kroll earning \$231 and receiving 100 lbs Nutrena Feed, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt, a Lou Lou & Bon Bon Sign, a \$150 Marigold Gift Certificate sponsored by

Marigold and Daly Creek Tack and a polo shirt sponsored by VS Cracked the Code

4th place - Sumptin Cool owned and shown by Chad Sandoval earning \$154 and receiving Doctors Choice Supplement, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt along with a \$200 gift certificate towards an HDR Saddle sponsored by Crane Echo Tack

5th place - Devious Escape owned by Stephanie Hathaway and shown by Jennifer Burton earning \$105 and receiving a 1 Month Supply of Horse Logic Supplements donated by Horse Logic, Represented by Becki Schwab-Janezick, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt, an Anew Insurance Gift bag and a \$50 Gift Certificate towards a pair of hunt seat boots sponsored by Crane Echo Tack

## Green Western Pleasure



Congratulations to Freak N Cool owned by Susan Elliot and shown by Kevin Carr winning the Green Western Pleasure Slot Class at the WQHA State Shows! They

received a payout of \$592 and the Champion Buckle sponsored by Sales Paddock App.

2nd place - Made It Rain owned by Jennifer Huntoon and shown by Mark Zeitler earning \$370 and receiving 100 lbs of Nutrena Feed, a Noble Outfitters Gift Bag sponsored by One Stop Equine Shop and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

3rd place - First One In Last One Out owned by Patti Bogosh and shown by Valerie Kearns earning \$244 and receiving 100 lbs of Nutrena Feed, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt, Progressive Nutrition Supplement and a polo shirt sponsored by VS Cracked the Code

4th place - KM Certainly Best owned by Ashley Fawns and shown by Brock Reinbach earning \$163 and receiving Doctors Choice Supplement, Anew Insurance Bag and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

5th place - Willy Gonna Want Me owned and shown by Kathy Saterbak earning \$111 and \$100 bonus for being the highest placing non pro sponsored by WAQHA. Also receiving a 1 Month Supply of Horse Logic Supplements donated by Horse Logic, Represented by Becki Schwab-Janezick and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt

## Ranch Riding



Congratulations to the 2018 Ranch Riding Slot Class Winner! Jax Bound riding Bound For Pay Chex owned by Jim Bound winning \$688 and receiving the Champion Buckle sponsored by Sales Paddock App. Jax was also the highest placing Non Pro & WQHA Member for a \$250 bonus payout sponsored by the Wisconsin Amateur Quarter Horse Association!

2nd place - Summer Sangria owned & shown by Tammy Cutsforth earning \$430 and a Custom tooled leather halter sponsored by Original Leatherwerks, Melissa Werkheiser and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and a Noble Outfitters gift bag sponsored by One Stop Equine Shop

3rd place - Girls Lovin Time owned by James Johnson and shown by Andy Chwala earning \$284 and 100 lbs Nutrena Feed, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and a polo shirt sponsored by VS Cracked the Code

4th place - SLJ Im Stubborn Juice owned by Danielle Beauchamp and shown by Jennifer Burton earning \$189 and Doctors Choice Supplement, Anew Insurance gift bag, an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and a \$50 gift certificate for Corral boots sponsored by Crane Echo Tack

5th place - We B Good owned by Marcia Smith and shown by Amy Marx earning \$129 and a 1 Month Supply of Horse Logic Supplements donated by Horse Logic, Represented by Becki Schwab-Janezick and an Equo Equine Transport Tshirt and Anew Insurance bag

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## **Youth World Show Recap**

771 exhibitors and 1,056 horses from five countries gathered in Oklahoma City August 2-11, for the 2018 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show. These individuals competed in English, western, and halter classes while others competed in art, speech, and horse judging contests to earn the World Champion title. In case you missed it, here is a [recap](#) of the ten day event, as well as the results for [Youth World Show](#) and [Youth World Show Contests](#)! We could not be more proud of everything our youth members have accomplished!

For the second year in a row, AQHYA members hosted a community service project during the show. Serving as a contest between regions, nearly 2,000 items were donated to YWCA Oklahoma City, with region eight logging the most donations for back-to-back years. Region 8 will be earning a certificate from AQHYA. Read more about [YWCA Oklahoma City](#) and how you can still [donate](#).

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## **Young Horse Development Applications due October 1**

Who doesn't love the opportunity to win free money for their education, or to win a free yearling from a Zoetis AQHA Ranching Heritage breeder?

Although the priority deadline has passed, Young Horse Development Program applications will be accepted until **October 1**. We highly encourage applicants to submit their paperwork as soon as possible for the best chance of admission to the program, and the most likely match with a horse closest to their home. Those accepted into the program may receive a donated weanling or may participate by purchasing a weanling directly from a Ranching Heritage Breeder. Click [here](#) to apply.

For quicker processing, email application materials to [youth@aqha.org](mailto:youth@aqha.org). More information about the program and its requirements can be found [here](#).

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## **National Racing Experience**

Five AQHYA members will be selected to attend the [National Youth Racing Experience](#) at Los Alamitos Race Course during the Bank of America Challenge Championships, November 15-18 in Los Alamitos, California. These youth will get first-hand experience in the racing industry and be matched with trainers to allow them to experience the daily life of a racing barn. During the experience, the youth will also be competing for \$6,000 in scholarships as part of the educational component of this trip.

Applications are now available [here](#) and must be received by AQHYA by **October 1**. The racing skillathon online contest will be available October 4-9. The contest is open to everyone, but NRE applicants must complete the online skillathon for their applications to be considered.

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## American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarships

Each year the American Quarter Horse Foundation awards scholarships to deserving AQHYA members who excel in their equine, community, and school activities. In 2018, the Foundation awarded \$700,250 in scholarships to 76 youth members. Click [here](#) for a detailed list of available scholarships.

Applications for 2019-2020 scholarships will be available beginning October 15. Changes are currently being made to the application to allow members to apply online. Applications must be completed by December 1.

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## Upcoming AQHA Youth Dates & Deadlines

- National Racing Experience Applications DUE October 1, 2018
- Young Horse Development Late Application DUE October 1, 2018
- National Racing Experience online Skillathon available October 4-9
- American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarship application available October 15
- National FFA Convention: Indianapolis, IN October 24-27, 2018
- National Racing Experience: Los Alamitos Race Course, Cypress, CA November 15-18
- American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarship application DUE December 1

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## Business Planning and Progress

Last week, the Executive Committee met for a two-day strategic planning review of AQHA and to discuss where we are on transformational business activities and areas where improvement can be made in fiscal year 2018-2019.

As you all know, AQHA has been working on the development of computer technology many years, which supports everything we do as an association. When I was interviewed for the executive vice president position in the spring of 2014, the project had been underway for at least four years, and now I have been personally involved in it for another three-and-a-half years. For some, new technology is intimidating, but from your Executive Committee and senior management team standpoint, the new technology is designed to make your day-to-day membership activity much easier. Last week, the Executive Committee spent a great deal of time analyzing the things that will help the office better serve our membership and drive out wasteful work that slows you down as a member.

The following is a high-level recap of the Executive Committee goals for next fiscal year's operating plan. Financial sustainability and customer care are the two major priorities that the Executive Committee raised as the primary drivers for the Association's future success. Below is a breakdown of those most important themes for AQHA internal business:

- **Financial sustainability** and growing the investment fund back to at least 50 percent (\$23 million) of annual operating expenses.
- **Customer care** – modernize our computer system so members can find at their fingertips their own personal information, such as horse inventory and updated pedigree information, real-time show leveling and qualifying updates, an online show-entry process and other information that might be valuable to breeders. In addition, streamlining the registration process to create quicker turnaround is a major priority. Moving toward an optional electronic registration certificate will support our international membership and those members would like to have access to their certificates through their mobile devices. We envision this being a big deal for our competitive members on the show circuit.
- **Launch the new 4.0 computer system** and begin Phase II of that project, which will support and enhance the customer experience in the areas mentioned above, and develop a long-term plan for microchipping our horses, beginning with a voluntary program for our competition horses.
- **Develop operational efficiency** that will drive out \$2 million in waste over the next three years.
- **Create marketing opportunities** through the new website, modern communication, the American Quarter Horse Store, event management support, an online education site, robust pedigree and leaderboard information. All of these new features are expected to drive new membership and increase revenue.



to enhance the value of the horse, and all collectively enhance the value of the AQHA membership, and that will collectively be serve current and future members and corporate partners.

So where are we with all of these projects and when can you expect to see some changes? In the next six weeks, there are two very imp projects that will go live and impact you directly as a member.

**Call Center Technology** - New call center technology supported by the new computer system will be deployed by August 15. This new s will help our customer care call center better serve our membership by reducing wait time and help our customer care representatives bet answer your questions. Being a cloud technology-based telephony system, it will provide future capability to link call center representative across the globe. So if we, for example, want to have a customer care representative in Latin America or Europe who works in a different zone, then we will have those capabilities. Our ultimate goal, which is currently being measured on a daily basis, is to serve 90 percent of incoming calls within 30 seconds or less. Our ultimate goal down the road is to make that happen across time zones around the globe.

**New Computer System and Website Launch** - Our information technology and production and processing staff have been putting in ov for several weeks now leading up to a go-live date for the new computer system. They still have a lot to do and the development will not s even after we launch. But the current projection for the launch of the new product is set for a window between Labor Day weekend and September 14. This will require at least a three-day cut-off during which the old system will be taken down and the new system stood up. Countless hours are going into the planning of this event in the effort to reduce the risk of lost service time for the membership. In the corr weeks, our communication team will start the process of informing you more on what you can expect from the new system right out the g Phase II developments, including the development of an online personal membership dashboard, have begun. Workshops are underway determine the personal account information you as a member would like to access on the website, some of that is mentioned above unde customer care. We are currently designing that criteria and some of you will be asked to review those new developments as we get them down the road.

I want to thank you all for your patience and loyalty to AQHA. It continues to be an honor for me to be a part of these long-term improvem which will help better serve our Quarter Horse industry. Furthermore, I'm grateful for the hard work and dedication of our staff who are experiencing for the first time what it takes to get these kinds of business-changing projects delivered. I also want to thank our Executive Committee members for their forward-thinking business approach to raising the expectations and creating urgency for modernizing AQHA improving our membership benefits.

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## Thank You's!



I want to say a huge thank you to both WQHA and Cap Gun for the stall certificate awarded at the 2017 banquet. I am so very grateful for and appreciate the opportunity to test my horses and my skills at a higher level of showing as we did at the 2018 Cap Gun Circuit. I showed in the showmanship and placed under all judges but one and I showed in the trail and placed third under all judges but one with a fourth! This is my second time showing at this level and something that I really enjoyed was just watching all the other events that I don't normally compete in! I had a great time with some genuine people, in addition to having some really good rides and placings! Thank you to Cap Gun and WQHA for the experience.

Sincerely,

Emma Sands  
Gamblers Dandy Dan  
2017 Open Show  
Western Performance Grand Champion



## THANK YOU CAP GUN & WQHA!

Leyna, Parker and Piper love showing horses and the season has been a lot of fun so far for our family!

Leyna used her year-end award stall certificate and did great at the Cap Gun Show. She got three seconds in Halter with Colors Classy Doll and AQHA points from her first in NSBA Small Fry and a lot of WQHA points. Piper showed in Leadline and got a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Parker didn't show Cierra at Cap Gun, but he has put WQHA points on her at 4 shows up in Oshkosh.



All three of them got started riding when they were barely big enough to sit on the horses. Leyna was the most afraid of the horses as a baby. We all laugh about that because she is the toughest of all the kids with the horses now. The three kids are all very competitive about showing.

Leyna likes to show in Halter, Showmanship and Riding. She likes when the judges ask her questions in any of the classes.

Leyna's fun "show traditions" are coaching and being the judge for her two cousins when they practice their classes. She likes to ask the questions like the judge would. She doesn't understand why she can't walk her cousin Piper in the Leadline class, she says she knows what to do.



A fun tradition the girls have is to get their nails polished the night before the show, go out to eat and get ice cream and sleep over at their grandparents house. They like to be together and show together whenever they can. All three like picking out a big donut at the horse shows when they have them.

Leyna's favorite show to go to was the State Show because it was her first really big show. She won her first trophies at that show so it was a very exciting time for her. The three kids had fun at the Lazy Days Show this year picking out their prizes – especially the Cutie Cars.

Their future plans are to keep showing and get into riding classes. Leyna wants to qualify and go to the World Show. She sets the bar high for herself and her cousins to follow. We like that a lot about her. They all look forward

to the WQHA Banquet in the winter for a little mini vacation together. They get to dress up and get their awards, have some fun dancing and their favorite part – swimming together.



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2018 AQHA Rule Book:

<https://www.aqha.com/rulebook>

## AQHA Rulebook

Get easy access to the official AQHA Rulebook electronically or in print.

The AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations is updated yearly after

undergoing careful scrutiny by AQHA. The Rulebook represents corporation bylaws, rules and regulations of registration, rules and regulations of racing, rules and regulations of shows, amateur and youth division rules and regulations, Horseback Riding Program rules, and the constitution of AQHYA.

The online version of the rulebook contains the most-updated version of the rules. Differences between rules published on AQHA's website and the print rulebook shall be governed by the official rules published on the website.

AQHA's Rulebook answers all your questions regarding AQHA rules, showing patterns, horse markings, equipment guidelines and more.

### **2018 Rulebook Options**

- [Download a PDF version of the 2018 Rulebook](#)
- Request a print Rulebook by completing the form below.

### **Guidelines for Writing Proposed Rule Changes**

Rule change proposals are accepted each year prior to AQHA Convention.

Download a [bylaw and rule change proposal form](#) (PDF) and e-mail to [rulechanges@aqha.org](mailto:rulechanges@aqha.org).

- Define the problem and develop as many possible solutions as you can by asking others for input.
- Choose one possible solution that appears to be the most appropriate and that fits the mission and goals of AQHA.
- Determine if any other rules would be affected if your proposal were to be adopted, and specify the rule numbers.
- Submit proper wording for a proposed rule change by typing or neatly printing the exact wording being proposed. If you propose changes to existing language, strike through the words you propose to delete. Type in bold and italics the words you propose to add.

Meritorious proposed rule changes submitted with sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will be assigned to the respective committee(s) and included on AQHA's website with an invitation for members to submit comments. Rule changes submitted without sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will not be assigned to a committee.

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## Find Your AQHA Level for 2018

**Before you go show, use this online AQHA system to determine eligibility.**

When entering American Quarter Horse Association classes, AQHA exhibitors are required to provide proof of their level eligibility to show management. Exhibitors must print their level eligibility to give to show management during the 2018 show season. Or save a copy to your phone and use it as proof all year long.

To determine level eligibility for 2018, visit [www.aqha.com/leveling](http://www.aqha.com/leveling) to access the Web-based [AQHA leveling verification system](#).

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## How AQHA Levels Work

AQHA divisions – youth, amateur and open – are divided into levels.

- **Rookie**, beginner to few accomplishments
- **Level 1**, minimally accomplished
- **Level 2**, moderately accomplished
- **Level 3**, most accomplished

The levels are formulated from an objective handicapping system that assigns exhibitors and horses to competition levels. Classes are leveled based on exhibitor or horse records. Level eligibility is based on points with AQHA, awards earned with AQHA and other equine associations, and money earned with other equine associations.

- **Classes leveled by exhibitor record:** youth, amateur, Select amateur and open halter and cattle classes. Search for level eligibility for those classes by exhibitor membership ID.
- **Classes leveled by horse record:** open division classes (excluding halter and cattle events). Search by a horse's registration number to determine its eligibility.

"AQHA levels are designed to group horses and riders with their peers of similar experience and points earned," said Pete Kyle, AQHA chief show officer. "From the bottom up, leveling is designed to improve exhibitor experiences at AQHA shows and further American Quarter Horses as competitors."

Visit [www.aqha.com/leveling](http://www.aqha.com/leveling) to use the [level verification system](#). The Web application will show you the levels you and your American Quarter Horse are eligible for in 2018.

If assistance is needed in verifying level eligibility, AQHA customer service representatives are available to help at 806-376-4811.

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## Plan to Show in Level 1 Classes?

For exhibitors looking to compete in Level 1 amateur and youth classes, a [Level 1 eligibility application](#) must be filed each year. All Level 1 exhibitors need to complete the Level 1 application and return it to AQHA as soon as possible. Previous Level 1 application information on file with AQHA may conflict with current eligibility, which would affect the eligibility being shown on the level verification system.

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