

S.O.Q.H.A. QUEEN'S CONTEST

The SOQHA will hold an annual competition to determine who will represent the Association as Queen. The Queen will be crowned at the SOQHA Year-end Awards Banquet and will serve a one-year term.

The candidates must meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be a member in good standing of the S.O.Q.H.A.
2. Must be a young lady between the ages of 18 and 25.
3. Must be single and never married.
4. Must complete and submit an application to the S.O.Q.H.A. Queen Committee Chairperson by July 1.
5. Must submit a resume which includes a summary of scholastic achievements, activities, personal achievements, future plans and goals.

THE COMPETITION IS HELD AT SOQHA TURKEY CIRCUIT SHOW IN NOVEMBER and will consist of:

1. A written exam based upon the A.Q.H.A. Handbook and the S.O.Q.H.A. Handbook, and the American Quarter Horse in general.
2. A horsemanship competition.
3. A personal interview by a panel of judges.

The written exam and the horsemanship competition will each represent 25%, while the personal interview will represent 50% of the final score for each candidate. In the case of a tie, the scores on the personal interview will be used to determine the winner.

The S.O.Q.H.A. Queen Candidates will have the following duties and responsibilities to accomplish from July 1 to the Thanksgiving weekend:

1. Meet together with the Queen's Committee to design and participate with fund raising activities for the Queen's Contest.
2. Attend and help work at the S.O.Q.H.A. Futurity Horse Show.
3. Meet the members of S.O.Q.H.A. and better understand the association prior to representing it.
4. Complete the contest requirements as described.

The S.O.Q.H.A. Queen will have the following duties:

1. Be a positive representative of the S.O.Q.H.A. and the American Quarter Horse industry in general.
2. Participate in the Year-end Awards Presentations.
3. Send Thank You notes to sponsors of the Queen's Contest, and promote them and/or their products throughout her reigning year.
4. Help at as many S.O.Q.H.A. sponsored horse shows as possible.
5. Attend a minimum of two Officers and Directors meetings during her reigning year.

6. Help in the awards presentations at the S.O.Q.H.A. Futurity.
7. Represent the S.O.Q.H.A. in the All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Competition.
8. Participate in the crowning of the next Queen at the S.O.Q.H.A. Year-end Awards Banquet.

S.O.Q.H.A. will financially support the Queen as she represents the Association at Congress by paying for:

1. A single page black and white ad for the Congress Program.
2. Her hotel room during the competition.
3. Reimburse her up to \$1,000 for expenses incurred by competing at Congress; photographer, evening gown, candidate gifts, etc...with proper receipts.

At the end of her reigning year, if the Queen has met and fulfilled all of her duties to the satisfaction of the Queen's Committee, S.O.Q.H.A. shall award a \$1,000 "scholarship" in appreciation for her positive representation of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association.

Note: If the Queen does NOT fulfill her duties as deemed by the Queen's Committee, no scholarship will be awarded. The Queen's Committee will remain impartial and fair in their decision.

In the event a Queen cannot complete her term, the first runner-up will assume the responsibilities as the S.O.Q.H.A. Queen.

The S.O.Q.H.A. reserves the right to make modifications to these guidelines as the Board of Directors deem necessary.