

About the NCQHA Queen

Who is the NCQHA Queen?

The NCQHA Queen serves as a highly visible and an integral part of the association during her reign. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Serving as an association and Queen ambassador
- Handing out awards
- Appearing at NCQHA events such as the Annual Awards Banquet
- Representing NCQHA in the community
- Sharing the mission and message of NCQHA with equine enthusiasts at events throughout the state

The Queen works with different divisions within NCQHA, such as the youth and amateur associations, the districts, as well as NCQHA horse shows. She is present to respond to questions, interact with association members and the public, educate, and provide information about the NCQHA to various audiences.

The NCQHA Queen may wish to represent North Carolina at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress through participation in the Queen's Contest held in Columbus, Ohio. Contestants from across the nation compete each October for the title of All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen. For some, the opportunity to serve as the Congress Queen Crown is a long-held dream. Through this experience, contestants not only can serve as Queen, but also cultivate a network of lifelong friends with the other participants.

Commitments and Appearances:

- The Queen will represent NCQHA at the All-American Quarter Horse Queen contest during the year of her reign, and numerous other events throughout the year
- The Queen is expected to appear at key NCQHA events such as the Tar Heel Spring Classic, Tar Heel Summer Classic, Tar Heel Fall Classic, and the year end Awards Banquet
- Duties include handing out of prizes and awards, serve as an ambassador of the NCQHA and assisting with other duties
- Events the Queen may be asked to participate in include annual Hugh Causey Memorial Trail Ride and District horse shows and banquets

Eligibility:

In accordance with the national rules, guidelines for eligibility are as follows:

- Candidate must be a resident of North Carolina
- Candidate must be a member in good standing with NCQHA for a period of 12 months prior to the application deadline
- Candidate must be between the ages of 18-25 years as of January 1st of the year of application
- Candidate must never have been married and be without children
- Previous membership and active participation in the NCQHA will be considered as part of the selection process

For background on the Congress Queen Contest rules, eligibility, and requirements, please visit: <http://www.congressqueen.com/>

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Danielle Plourd at (336)420-4526 or danielleplourd@gmail.com.

Selection Process:

Candidates will be judged on the following criteria:

- Horsemanship 20%
- Written Test 40%
- Interview 40%

The NCQHA Queen Contest and crowning is held annually during the Tar Heel Summer Classic. The location for the contest is the James B. Hunt Horse Complex of the NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC.

DEADLINE for entering the Queen Contest is May 1.

Complete the below application and mail to:

Sherri Blankenship
7917 Ragan Road
Apex, NC 27502
919-219-8706
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NCQHA Queen Contest Application

If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet of paper

Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Phone: _____

Address:

If currently employed, where? Title:

Full or Part-Time? _____

Attending college? Where?

Full or Part-Time? _____

Current Scholastic GPA: _____

Class: _____

Major/Favorite Subject:

List honors received and/or activities participated in during school:

List activities other than equine related:

Community Service/Volunteer Experience:

What is one thing you want us to know about you?

Provide a brief, one paragraph biography of yourself:

Describe your experience with horses, horse shows, and involvement with NCQHA and/or NCQHYA:

What qualities and/or character traits do you possess that you feel would make a positive impact should you be selected NCQHA Queen?

Do you understand ALL responsibilities, expectations and duties involved with representing NCQHA as Queen? _____ If NO, please refer to the NCQHA Manual of Operating Procedures.

****Please note: An 8 x 10 photo must accompany this application****

By providing a signature, I certify that all information placed on this application is accurate and complete.

Signature _____

Date: _____