

NCQHYA REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING THE AQHYA YOUTH EXCELLENCE SEMINAR (Y.E.S.)

Participation in the Annual AQHYA Y.E.S. Convention held each year is open to ALL members of NCQHYA. The Youth Association will **SPONSOR** up to four (4) delegates for this event. In order to attend the Conference, a youth must be a minimum of ten (10) years of age as of January 1st of the year of attendance; fill out and sign the AQHYA Y.E.S. Convention Participation Agreement and Attire and Behavior Agreement; fill out and sign all forms required by NCQHYA including, but not limited to, Participation Agreement, Parental Consent and Medical Release Agreement; return all AQHYA and NCQHYA documentation to Youth Advisor on or before **April 1, 2026**; and, most importantly, be an **ACTIVE PARTICIPANT** in NCQHYA. Active Participation in NCQHYA is described as follows:

1. Be a full paid member of AQHYA, NCQHA and NCQHYA;
2. Regularly attend youth meetings held during scheduled North Carolina approved shows.
3. Participate in **ALL** fundraisers sponsored by or being run on behalf of NCQHYA,.
4. To attend the Y.E.S. convention the sale of ten (10) sponsorships for the Youth Show is required or a check for \$250.
5. **ALL** Sponsorship Packets, **MUST** be turned in to the Youth Advisor on or before **MAY 1, 2026**, or such earlier date as specified by Youth Advisor and/or Youth Activities Committee.
6. ***VOLUNTEER*** – In addition to the above, each Youth applying to attend Y.E.S. must volunteer his or her time on behalf of the Youth Association during an approved NCQHA show.

Participation in this event is open to ALL NCQHYA members. Officers/directors who are campaigning for an AQHYA office or regional directorship are given first priority to attend as a voting delegate. Priority will then be given to Officers/directors who have not previously attended.

All candidates are selected to represent NCQHYA during Y.E.S., at the **sole discretion** of the Youth Activities Committee, based upon full compliance with the above rules and regulations, from all member(s) requesting to attend.

NCQHYA shall, on behalf of each voting delegate sponsor the following:

1. Payment of Y.E.S. Registration Fees.
2. Payment of **UP TO \$500** toward airline fares. All remaining airline fares, baggage fees, etc. are the **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY** of the NCQHYA member attending the conference.
3. Baggage allowance **up to \$70.00** with receipt turned in for reimbursement.
4. All shared hotel accommodations.

5. Any other events the Youth Activities Committee, at their sole and absolute discretion, may approve.
6. The Youth Advisor and appointed chaperone are not responsible for those NCQHYA youth that attend on their own.

Any voting delegate selected to attend Y.E.S., who becomes, **FOR ANY REASON**, unable to go, at the time of the event, will be responsible for full reimbursement to NCQHYA for their registration fees, their proportionate share of hotel room accommodations made on their behalf, and the portion of their airline ticket paid by NCQHYA.

Signature of Youth

Printed Name of Youth

Signature of Parent

Printed Name of Parent