

# 2023 Area 1 QHPA Letter of Intent

## Congress Youth Team Application

Application Deadline by email by August 1st, 2023

This letter serves as notice to the Area 1 QHPA Congress Youth Team Committee, of the applicant's intent to participate in the All American Quarter Horse Congress National Youth Association Team Tournament representing Area 1 QHPA. This letter will only apply to one registered American Quarter Horse, and the applicant that is referred to agrees to and understands the following;

1. Youth must be a current 2023 member of Area 1 QHPA and AQHYA, but are not required to live in Area 1 boundaries.
2. The Youth will pay all fees assessed to Area 1 QHPA for showing the applied horse (stall, tack stall, office fees) with the exception of the NYATT entry fees sponsored by Area 1.
3. The items listed below must be fulfilled to be considered for a spot on the NYATT team;
  - a) A biography, photograph and completed Letter of Intent must be submitted by the August 1st 2023 deadline, youth must include pages 1, 2 and 3 of the letter of intent.
  - b) The Youth must submit \$200 in fundraising/sponsorship by the application deadline. This can be made by e-transfer. Upon team selection fundraising submitted is non-refundable as it is raised with the intent of supporting the Area 1 QHPA Congress Youth Team. Area 1 will provide outlets for Youth to fundraise at Area 1 events.
  - c) The Youth themselves must volunteer five hours at an Area 1 event with documentation signed by a Director of the Board. \* If 5 hours are not completed an additional \$200 is due by August 31st 2023\*
  - d) The Youth must show to a minimum 2 judges in the 2022-2023 qualifying period at Area 1 hosted show (Ilderton). \*If there are no applications or interests from an Area 1 youth member who meets the 2 judge requirement, an applicant who has met the other requirements, may be selected by the discretion of the Area 1 youth chair/advisor and brought to the board for approval.
  - e) If a youth applicant does not show to 2 judges within the 2022-2023 qualifying period at an Ilderton Show and they are selected and accept their position on the Area 1 Youth Team they must volunteer an additional 5 hours of service directly to Area 1. This can be in the form of working the gate at a show, runner, or another approved volunteering task before August 31st 2022.\*If this is not completed youth team members are to provide a \$200 sponsorship directly to Area 1 Quarter Horse Promotional Association.
4. The Youth agrees to follow and abide by Area 1 Rules and Regulations, and agrees to patronize Area 1 QHPA Youth team sponsors to the best of their ability while always exhibiting good moral character and sportsmanship.

5. The Youth agrees to abide by the NYATT rules and procedures and understands any violation will result in a one year suspension of the team from NYATT competition.

6. The Youth understands that fundraising and or sponsorship collection is to offset the cost of hosting a team. Youth should contact the Youth Advisory committee for more information regarding expenses and fundraising.

7. Youth fulfilling the application guidelines will be chosen based on their point standings through July 1st 2022 - June 30th 2023 only at Area 1 point approved shows hosted in Ancaster and Ilderton Ontario.

- Youth are only required to show to 2 judges, however if the youth chooses to show to 5 or more judges their best 7 out of 10 judges are used to tabulate the qualifying points, dropping the lowest scores if shown to 7 or more. Points will be tallied in accordance with Area 1 Point Rules. Point standing ties will be broken first by the most number of firsts earned in that specific class, and second by tie breaking judges predetermined by the Area 1 QHPA Youth Team Committee.
- Upon completing mandatory requirements a maximum of two youth for each specific class will be chosen for each of the 6 NYATT offered classes.
- Any youth is allowed to compile points on more than one horse for team consideration; however points will be compiled on a horse/rider basis, fees associated with applications are only paid once per Youth. No horse shall be substituted for another, unless a veterinarian certificate is presented to Area 1 Youth Advisory committee for verification prior to August 15th 2023.

8. Youth selected for the NYATT team will;

- a) participate in a required NYATT meeting in August, date and time to be announced
- b) pay an additional fee of \$100 to be used specifically for team expenses, these monies can be fundraised or sponsored and are due no later than August 31st 2023.

9. Youth understand that they are responsible for all expenses included with participation in the Area 1 QHPA Congress Youth Team including but not limited to overnight accommodations, parking, insurance, travel expenses, meals, vet, coaching, tack, show apparel and equipment, stall fees for one or more horses, shavings etc.

10. The Congress Youth Team Committee may waive any of the requirements above for any special condition that may arise from a Youth participant provided that the exception is approved by both the Committee and the Area 1 QHPA Board of Directors. The final authority on the Area 1 Congress NYATT Team will be with the Area 1 QHPA Board of Directors and the Congress Youth Team Committee.

11. Area 1 QHPA does not assume responsibility for any accidents or injury concerning horse or applicant, or loss / damage of personal goods and property during activities affiliated with the Congress NYATT team.

## AREA 1 NYATT YOUTH TEAM APPLICATION 2023

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHYA #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HORSE: \_\_\_\_\_

AQHA REGISTRATION #: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER OF HORSE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST CLASSES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned agrees to comply with any and all rules and decisions set forth by the Area 1 Quarter Horse Promotional Association Board of Directors, and the Congress Youth Team Committee including but not limited to the obligations outlined in this letter of intent and the selection of Congress Team members.

SIGNATURE OF YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Youth Team Checklist

## Youth Biography:

Applicants limit biography to 3 paragraphs highlighting personal interests, grade level, school activities and honors, volunteer experience and community service, future plans / career goals, hobbies, years involved in Area 1 and the American Quarter Horse.

Please mail or email completed application, biography, copy of AQHA for horse you wish to enter, and copy of your AQHYA card to:

Lindsay McDougall

[lindsay.allen848@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.allen848@gmail.com)

All fees can be paid by etranfer to: [area1qhtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:area1qhtreasurer@gmail.com)

Questions please call Youth Advisor, Lindsay McDougall at 519-657-8480 or [lindsay.allen848@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.allen848@gmail.com)

Make sure you have included in your application:

- 2023 Area 1 Membership (If you do not have one please send your membership form and payment to Area 1)
- Biography \*including photo\*
- Completed application form
- A photocopy of your horse's AQHA papers
- A photocopy of your AQHA Membership Card
- \$200 must be submitted with application (etransfers can be sent to [area1qhtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:area1qhtreasurer@gmail.com))

Please see the checklist to make sure you are aware of all of the commitments and dedication necessary to be part of the Area 1 Congress Youth Team!

## AREA 1 YOUTH TEAM CHECKLIST

<p>Option 1 (If you show at an Ilderton show to at least 2 judges between July 1st 2022 - June 30th 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Youth must volunteer at our youth fundraiser dinners or another youth fundraising event (50/50 draw, silent auction etc.) at an Ilderton Show and contribute <u>5 hours of volunteer service</u> (*\$200 option if volunteering is not completed *Due August 15th* ).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Once selected for the team youth will be required to attend a NYATT youth meeting (date announced later)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An additional \$100(or more if you have additional sponsors) for team expenses can be fundraised by each team member and must be submitted by August 31st 2022. Tax receipts can be issued</li> </ul>	<p>Option 2 (If you DO NOT show at an Ilderton show to at least 2 judges between July 1st 2022 - June 30th 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Youth must volunteer at our youth fundraiser dinners or another youth fundraising event (50/50 draw, silent auction etc.) at an Ilderton Show and contribute <u>5 hours of volunteer service</u> (*\$200 option if volunteering is not completed *Due August 15th* ).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Once selected for the team youth will be required to attend a NYATT youth meeting (date announced later)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An additional \$100(or more if you have additional sponsors) for team expenses can be fundraised by each team member and must be submitted by August 31st 2022. Tax receipts can be issued</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If a youth applicant does not show to 2 judges within the 2021-2022 qualifying period at an <b>Area 1 Ilderton Show</b> and they are selected and accept their position on the Area 1 Youth Team they must volunteer an additional 5 hours of service directly to Area. This can be in the form of working the gate at a show, runner, or another approved volunteering task before August 30th 2022. *If this is not completed youth team members are to provide a \$200 sponsorship directly to Area 1 Quarter Horse Promotional Association. Opportunities for volunteering can be completed at the June, July or August Ilderton Shows. <i>As Area 1 Youth Team Members we want our youth to participate and be part of our amazing association!</i></li> </ul>
--	--

- Etransfers can be sent to [area1qhtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:area1qhtreasurer@gmail.com)

Team will be announced August 14th 2023