

OMIQHA Queen Contest: Sat & Sun of the OMIQHA Annual Horse Show

(Please note: This contest is for the year of Reign following the Horse Show)

The candidate must be (or become) a current OMIQHA member and comply with the written rules. The candidate must be 18 to 24 years of age (as of January 1, of the current year) and not married, divorced, or a single parent.

Selections will be made on judging as follows:

- **Horsemanship**: *Sunday, During the horsemanship portion of the OMI horse show (exact class number will be announced):* You may ride any Quarter Horse you choose. The horse is not required to be owned by the candidate. The judges hired for the day will judge the class. The pattern used will be the judges' and/or Queen Advisor's discretion.
- **Personal Interview**, *Sunday, TBD, based on number of candidates and show schedule:* There will be two or three interviewers, and you will be judged on your answers to their questions as well as your appearance, personality, and overall presentation. Show attire is appropriate.
- **Written Test**, *Immediately following Personal Interview:* The written test will consist of questions on AQHA rulebook of the following types: true and false, multiple choice, and fill in the blank. For all questions, candidates are advised to answer verbatim from the AQHA rulebook.

In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest personal interview will be crowned the winner since we feel that it is very important for our Queen to be well spoken in order to best represent the Ohio Michigan Indiana Quarter Horse Association. The winner will be announced at the annual OMI banquet in February of 2012.

The categories will have the following weights: Horsemanship 20%, Written test 40%, and Personal interview 40%.

Candidates are also required to obtain a minimum of one \$25 sponsorship by 12/31 of the Current Year. While OMIQHA pays for some of the Queen's expenses throughout the year, there are many expenses that the Queen must raise funds for. All monies raised by the Queen Candidates will be used to help fund expenses (hotel stays, gas money, advertising, etc.) for the 2012 Queen. Candidates are encouraged to obtain as many sponsorships as possible.

The candidate that is crowned the Queen will be expected to attend a minimum of two OMI meetings, present awards at the OMIQHA show at the University of Findlay in June, assist Buckeye Western with the NSBA awards at the Findlay AQHA show in July, participate in the Congress Queen's contest the year of reign, assist at the June Show with the OMIQHA Queen's Contest, and be a spokesperson for the association. Other activities the Queen is encouraged to participate in are misc. Swap Meets, Misc. AQHA & Youth Show Awards Presentation Invitations, special equine expos, etc.

The Current Queen is not permitted to show at any event where she is representing OMIQHA as Queen.

If no applications are received by the deadline, there will be no OMIQHA queen for the year for which the contest is run.

Should the title holder lose not comply with these rules, the membership may vote to strip her of her title, and reward title and all prizes won to the first runner up.

OMI Queen's Code of Conduct

The OMIQHA Queen is a spokesperson and role model for the association. As Queen, I agree to abide by the following code of conduct:

- In order to represent OMIQHA to the best of my ability, I agree to act at all times in a helpful, respectful, and dignified manner.
- I pledge to be helpful to all members, visitors and guests at OMI functions, including meetings, horse shows, and other activities.
- When I visit other horse shows as a representative of OMIQHA, I will be punctual, friendly, and willing to help with whatever is asked of me.
- Because I am a role model not only for the youth of my association, but of other youth members throughout the country, I agree to maintain a "clean" internet image.
 - I will not post profane or obscene comments or photos on personal websites or group sites, such as Facebook and MySpace.
 - I agree not to display images or comments condoning alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drug use.
- I agree not to consume alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs when representing OMIQHA at various functions, including horse shows, meetings, and at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress.

OMIQHA encourages its Queens to maintain these standards at other public events as well, particularly those where AQHA members are likely to interact with them. Upon being crowned, the new Queen will be asked to sign this Code of Conduct. Should she refuse, the title will go to the first runner-up.

Upon the first violation of this Code, the Queen will receive a written warning from the Queen Advisor. Should further infractions occur, the OMI membership may vote to strip her of her title and all prizes won. The first runner-up will then assume the title and prizes.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OMIQHA Queen Application

Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ School/Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Year Applying for: _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____
Parent's Names _____

Education:

College or High School _____

Scholastic Average _____ Major _____

Activities, Honors, Offices Held: _____

Employment:

Employed _____

Full time _____ Part time _____ Number of years _____

About You:

Interests, Hobbies, Sports _____

Community Service _____

List the qualities that you possess that would make you a qualified queen.

