



Thank You for Considering Becoming a 2020 OMIQHA Queen Candidate!!

Every year since 1990, OMIQHA has been Proud to Sponsor a Queen to be an Ambassador to the Horse Community promoting OMIQHA as a Friendly and Fun organization dedicated to promoting unity and support for ALL its members in and out of the Show Ring whether new to AQHA or a seasoned competitor.

We have had Congress Top Five and Top Ten Overall finishers as well as Miss Congeniality, Individual Contest Champions, and Top Ten Placers in the Test, Interview AND Horsemanship portions of the contest. We are sure 2019 will be an EXCITING year for you as a 2020 Queen Candidate and we are so glad to have you join us!

Why Become an OMIQHA Queen Candidate?

- To represent and promote OMIQHA Membership at local equestrian events and other venues, meeting and spending time with others that enjoy Quarter Horses as much as you.
- To be a friendly face and wealth of information to those who come to OMIQHA meetings and horse shows.
- To be a role model for the OMIQHA Youth Association.
- To hand out ribbons at the OMIQHA Show and other Events throughout the year.
- To compete for Queen of the world's largest single breed horse show The All American Quarter Horse Congress

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How do I become a 2020 OMIQHA Queen Candidate?

- Join OMIQHA in 2019 & 2020 as a Family or single member=.
- Be 18 to 24 years of age (as of January 1, 2019) and not married, divorced, or a single parent
- Obtain a minimum of one \$25 sponsorship by **December 31, 2019** (Sponsorship Form Attached)
- Attend 2 meetings in 2019. One (1) Meeting may be a Pre-Approved excused absence.
- Return the **2019 Queen Application** with a **Wallet Sized Picture** of the Candidate no later than **two weeks prior to** the annual OMI show, which is held in June (Please Note this date may be extended up to the competition if necessary by the Queen Advisor or Executive Committee)
- Attend the **2019 Annual Year End Awards Banquet** held in **January 2020** and assist as needed per the Queen Advisor. The winner will be announced after the meeting and prior to the Presentation of Awards.

How do I Compete to be the 2020 OMIQHA Queen?

Complete the Queen Candidate requirements and Compete in the Queens contest for the Highest Final Combined Score:

- Personal Interview** (40% of Score) – **Saturday at the June OMIQHA show** Time TBD, based on number of candidates and show schedule: You will be interviewed and judged on your answers to their questions as well as your appearance, personality, and overall presentation. The Queen Advisor and/or at least one member of the Executive Committee will attend, but will not be a judge. You will be asked to answer questions regarding your knowledge of OMIQHA and why you want the job of representing OMIQHA as Queen. Career wear, Queen attire or show attire is appropriate.
- Written Test** (40% of Score) - **Saturday at the June OMIQHA show** Immediately after the final 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.

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- Queen's Horsemanship** (20% of Score) - **Sunday at the June OMIQHA show.** The exact class number will be included in the official show bill. 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 at the Queen Advisor's discretion.

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 January of 2020.

What Does OMIQHA Provide for the 2020 Queen?

- All Members are encouraged to bring a gift to the incoming Queen at the Awards Banquet
- 2020 Congress Program Ad Insertion Fee (Ad to be approved by OMIQHA prior to submission)
- \$500 to use for Additional Queen Clothing and Incidentals
- 2020 All Show Congress Pass
- Hotel and Entry Fees related to the Congress Queen Contest
- 2020 Queen's personal social media to post her bio, journal entries and pictures of the all the activities she completes throughout the year
- Use of the OMIQHA Silver Hat Band Crown, OMIQHA Queen Sash, and all Clothing and Accessories in the Queens Closet for the entire year
- A wealth of support and knowledge from former Queens, Professional Horsepersons, Seamstresses, business persons and Beauty Professionals dedicated to helping you navigate the knowledge, physical and financial demands of the 2020 Queen's Reign!



What is expected of the 2020 Queen?

- Upon being crowned, the new Queen will be asked to sign the attached **Code of Conduct Agreement**. Should she refuse, the title will go to the first runner-up.
- Present 2019 Year End Awards at the Year End Awards Banquet after the Crowning Ceremony
- Attend a minimum of two 2020 OMIQHA meetings from February through September 2020, although attendance at all meetings is encouraged
- Promote membership at the Findlay Tack Swap Meet in February 2020
- Present awards, promote membership and assist with the 2021 Queen's Contest at the 2020 OMIQHA show in June
- Present awards at a minimum of 3 other shows, which may include approved Quarter Horse shows, the All American Youth Horse Show and/or the Ohio, Indiana, or Michigan State Fairs
- Participate in the 2020 All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen's contest
- Pose in the 2020 OMIQHA NYATT Team Picture at the All American Quarter Horse Congress if invited by the Youth Advisor
- Prepare a speech and participate in the crowning of the 2021 OMIQHA Queen

While OMIQHA pays for some of the Queen's expenses throughout the year, there are many expenses for which the Queen must raise funds. All monies raised by the Queen Candidates will be used to help fund expenses (hotel stays, gas money, advertising, etc.) for the 2020 Queen. Candidates are encouraged to obtain as many sponsors as possible. ALL Sponsors must be listed on the Website and ALL additional Queen fund raisers such as Raffles, Contests, Sales drives, Stakes Classes, etc. must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to committing. Money must be delivered to OMIQHA, who will reimburse the Queen for her expenses.

If no applications are received by the deadline, there may 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.

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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, Twitter, instagram, snapchat or any other form or social media.
- 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: _____



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OMIQHA Queen Application

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ School/Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Year Applying for: _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Names _____

Education:

College or High School _____

Scholastic Average _____ Major _____

Activities, Honors, Offices Held: _____

Employment:

Employed _____

Full time _____ Part time _____ Number of years _____

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About You:

Interests, Hobbies, Sports _____

Community Service _____

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

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Write a one paragraph biography about yourself and family.

A photo of the candidate is required to be submitted along with the application.

Applications are due by Saturday, June 28 2019 The Executive Committee may approve collection of applications at the June horse show at their discretion.

Mail to:

Abbey Maier

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or email to Akmaier89@gmail.com

Please call or email Abbey Maier for more information: 419-346-9952



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QUEEN SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Website/ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Amount of Sponsorship: _____

Queen/ Candidate Sponsored: _____

Please make all checks payable to **OMIQHA**

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All Sponsors' names will be posted at the OMIQHA show
And recognized by the OMIQHA Queen