



Thank you for considering becoming a 2026 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 community 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 Placer's in the Test, Interview AND Horsemanship portions of the contest. We are sure 2026 will be an EXCITNG year for you as a 2026 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, meetings 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 2026 OMIQHA Queen Candidate??

- Join OMIQHA in 2026 & 2027 as a Family, Single or Youth Member.
- Be 19 to 26 years of age (as of Jan 1, 2026) and not married, divorced, or a parent.
- Obtain a minimum of one \$75 sponsorship by February 21st, 2026 and turned in with Queen Application (attached forms).
- Attend 3 meetings in 2026, one (1) meeting may be a pre-approved excused absence.
- Return the **2026 Queen Application** with a **picture** of the candidate (February 21st, 2026). Please note this date may be extended up to the competition, if necessary, by the Queen Advisor or Executive Committee.
- Attend both 2026 OMI horse shows and hand out awards during and after the show.

How do I compete to be the 2026 OMIQHA Queen??

Complete the Queen Candidate requirements and compete in the Queens Contest for the Highest Final Combined Score:

- **Personal Interview** (50% of score) - **Saturday, March 21st 2026 time 12:00pm**, based on number of candidates and show schedule: There will be three or four interviewers, and you will be judged on your answers to their questions as well as your appearance, personality, and overall presentation. You will be asked to answer questions regarding your knowledge of OMIQHA and why you want to represent OMIQHA as the Queen.
Career wear or queen attire is appropriate.
 - **Written Test** (30% of score) – **Saturday, March 21st 2026 time 9:00am**, Immediately following the final contestant in the Personal Interview. The written test will consist of questions on the 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 of the AQHA rulebook.
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- **Queens Horsemanship** (20% of score) - **Saturday, March 21st (listed on 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 be judging the class. The pattern used will be at the Queens Advisors discretion.

In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest personal interview will be crowned the winner. OMIQHA feels that it is very important for our Queen to be well spoken to best represent the association.

The winner will be announced the evening of the show Saturday March 21st 2026 during the special event.

What does OMIQHA provide for the 2026 Queen??

- 2026 Congress Program Ad Insertion Fee (Ad to be approved by OMIQHA prior to submission)
 - \$1000 to use for additional Queen clothing and incidentals
 - Custom 2026 Title belt buckle, and many other prizes
 - 2026 OMIQHA custom Sash
 - Hotel and Entry fees related to the Congress Queen Contest
 - 2026 Queens Personal webpage to post her bio, journal entries and pictures of all the activities she completes throughout the year.
 - Use of the OMIQHA silver hat band crown, OMIQHA Sash and access to all the outfits in the Queens closet
 - A wealth of support and knowledge from the former Queens, Queen Mother, Professional Horse Persons, Seamstresses, Businesspersons, and Beauty Professionals dedicated to helping you navigate the knowledge, physical and financial demands of the 2026 Queen's Reign!!
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What is expected of the 2026 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.
- Attend a minimum of two (2) 2026 meetings from February through September 2026, although attendance at all meetings is encouraged
- Promote membership at local events (open shows, tack swaps, community events)
- Present awards at a **MINIMUM** of FOUR (4) additional shows/Equine Events, which may include approved AQHA shows, the All-American Youth Show and/or the Ohio, Indiana, or Michigan State Fairs, Equine Affair, etc...
- Participate in the 2026 All American Quarter Horse Congress Queens Contest
- Prepare a speech and participate in the crowning of the 2027 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 money raised by the queen candidate will be used to help fund expenses (hotels, gas money, advertising, etc..) for the 2026 Queen. Candidates are encouraged to obtain as many sponsors as possible. ALL Sponsors must be listed on the website and ALL additional Queen fundraisers such as raffles, silent auctions and other methods must be approved by the Queen Advisor and Executive Committee prior to committing to the event. Money must be delivered to OMIQHA, who will reimburse the Queen for her expenses.

Should the title holder not comply with these rules, the Executive Committee may vote to strip her of her title, and re-award the title and prizes won to the first runner up.

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Important Dates for the 2026 Queen CANDIDATES.....

Queen Candidate Application Due	February 21 st , 2026
OMIQHA Show- interview & Test	March 21 st , 2026
OMIQHA Show- Queens Horsemanship	March 21 st , 2026
OMIQHA Crowning	March 21 st , 2026
\$75 Queen Candidate Sponsorship	February 21 st , 2026

Important Dates for the 2026 for the Queen....

Findlay Swap Meet	TBA - February, 2026
AAYHS	TBA - May, 2026
OMIQHA Show	March & June 2026
Congress Queen Competition	TBA October, 2026

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00PM except in January and Sept/Oct Locations; Virtual.

All cancellations, additional events and date changes will be posted on OMIQHA Facebook page and website.



OMIQHA 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 abilities, I agree to always act in a helpful, respectful, and dignified manner.
- I pledge to be helpful to all members, visitors, and guest 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 and personal image.
- I agree to post bi-weekly updates on all social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram) to help promote OMI.
- I agree to Promote each event I attend as the Queen Representative on social media and to promote OMI and OMI Queen Sponsors monthly.
- I agree that if I forfeit the AQHA Queens contest unless under medical advisement I will surrender the \$1000 allowance.
- I agree to have all AQHA applications and questions submitted 1 week prior to the deadline.
- I will provide weekly updates to the queen advisor and monthly updates at the OMI meeting to the Executive Board.
- I agree that all request of the Queen Committee and Executive Committee must be submitted one week prior to due date or understand they might not be approved.
- I will **NOT** post profane or obscene comments or photos on personal websites or group sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



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- I agree **NOT** to display images or comments consuming/promoting alcohol, tobacco products, 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.
- I agree **NOT** to make any drastic changes to my personal appearance (hair [no un-natural colors], piercings or tattoos) during my rein as queen.

OMIQHA encourages 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 the Code, the Queen will receive a written warning from the Queen Advisor. Should further infractions occur, the OMI Executive Committee 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: _____