



Thank you for considering becoming a 2023 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 2023 will be an EXCITNG year for you as a 2023 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 2023 OMIQHA Queen Candidate??

- ❑ Join OMIQHA in 2022 & 2023 as a Family, Single or Youth Member.
- ❑ Be 18 to 24 years of age (as of Jan 1, 2021) and not married, divorced, or a parent.
- ❑ obtain a minimum of one \$50 sponsorship by June 9th, 2022 and turned in with Queen Application (attached forms).
- ❑ Attend 2 meetings in 2022-23, one (1) meeting may be a pre-approved excused absence.
- ❑ Return the **2023 Queen Application** with a **wallet sized picture** of the candidate no later than three days prior to the annual OMI show (June 8th, 2022). Please note this date may be extended up to the competition if necessary by the Queen Advisor or Executive Committee.
- ❑ Attend the 2022 Annual Year End Awards Banquet held in January 2023 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 2023 OMIQHA Queen??

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

- ❑ **Personal Interview** (40% of score) - **Friday, June 10th 2022 time 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. 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 or queen attire is appropriate.
 - ❑ **Written Test** (40% of score) - **Friday, June 10th 2022 time TBD**, 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 for the AQHA rulebook.
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- **Queens Horsemanship** (20% of score) - **Sunday, June 13th 2022 (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 in order to best represent the association.

The winner will be announced at the annual OMI banquet in January of 2021.

What does OMIQHA provide for the 2023 Queen??

- All members are encouraged to bring a gift to the incoming queen at the Awards Banquet.
 - 2023 Congress Program Ad Insertion Fee (Ad to be approved by OMIQHA prior to submission)
 - \$500 to use for additional Queen clothing and incidentals
 - Custom 2023 Title belt buckle
 - 2023 OMIQHA custom Sash
 - Hotel and Entry fees related to the Congress Queen Contest
 - 2023 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, Business Persons, and Beauty Professionals dedicated to helping you navigate the knowledge, physical and financial demands of the 2023 Queen's Reign!!
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What is expected of the 2023 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.
- Be present at the 2022 Year End Awards Banquet, and hand out awards following the crowning ceremony
- Attend a minimum of two (2) meetings from February through September 2023, although attendance at all meetings is encouraged
- Promote membership at the Findlay Tack Swap Meet in February 2023
- Present awards at a **MINIMUM** of three (3) other shows, which may include approved AQHA shows, the All American Youth Show and/or the Ohio, Indiana, or Michigan State Fairs
- Participate in the 2023 All American Quarter Horse Congress Queens Contest
- Pose in the 2023 OMIQHA NYATT Team picture at the All American Quarter Horse Congress
- Prepare a speech and participate in the crowning of the 2023 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 2023 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 reward title and all prizes won to the first runner up.

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Important Dates for the 2023 Queen CANDIDATES.....

Queen Candidate Application Due	June 8th, 2022
OMIQHA Show- interview & Test	June 10th, 2022
OMIQHA Show- Queens Horsemanship	June 13th, 2022
\$50 Queen Candidate Sponsorship	June 9th, 2022
2022 Year End Awards Banquet	January, 2023

Important Dates for the 2022 for the Queen....

Findlay Swap Meet	TBA - February, 2023
AAYHS	TBA - May, 2023
OMIQHA Show	TBA - March & June 2023
Congress Queen Competition	TBA September, 2023
2023 Year End Awards Banquet	January, 2024

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00PM except in January and Sept/Oct
Locations TBD (Tiffin, OH)

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 act at all times 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 image.
- I will **NOT** post profane or obscene comments or photos on personal websites or group sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- 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.

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: _____
