



# AQHAchieve

## July 1-September 15, 2020

Facilitated by the American Quarter Horse Foundation in partnership with the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

**UPDATED ENTRY DEADLINE: July 22, 2020**

1. **RULES:**

This knowledge contest, which results in the awarding of awards and scholarships, is subject to the rules contained in this document, and operates within the broader guidelines of the American Quarter Horse Foundation (Foundation) scholarships and youth/young adult development programs. AQHAchieve contestants are responsible for knowing and complying with contest rules.

2. **ENTRIES:**

**ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Go to [www.aqhlearn.com](http://www.aqhlearn.com) to create a free learner profile. Within AQHLearn, select the AQHAchieve link to sign up for the contest. Please note, there is no fee for entering AQHAchieve. However, as with all Foundation scholarships, a valid AQHA or AQHYA membership is a criteria for eligibility. Contestants must sign up for or validate their membership to be able to begin the AQHAchieve contest. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided at time of entry.

3. **DEADLINES:** Entries must be completed by July 15, 2020. **Late entries will not be accepted.**

4. **ELIGIBILITY:**

a. **DIVISIONS:** The contest will be divided into two divisions.

*Age as of January 1, 2020*

Junior Ages 8 - 13

Senior Ages 14 – 18

b. Contestants must be or have been enrolled in, and attending, public, private or home school elementary or secondary schools during the 2020 calendar year.

c. Contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 on January 1, 2020. Ages will be validated prior to the awarding of scholarships or prizes.

d. All contestants must hold a current AQHA or AQHYA membership

5. **CONTEST:**

**Round One - July 1-July 31, 2020**

Round one will consist of an online exam in the AQHAchieve platform. Contestants may complete the exam at any time during the Round 1 timeframe but may only complete it one time. Once the exam is started, it must be completed in the same sitting. There will be a two-hour time limit to complete the exam. The top fifteen (15) contestants per age division will proceed to Round Two.

**Round Two – August 1-August 15, 2020**

Round two will consist of speeches. Topics will be provided to the contestants on August 1, and contestants must record and submit their speeches via the AQHAchieve platform no later than August 15. Speeches will be judged by a panel of equine professionals. The top ten (10) contestants per age division will proceed to Round Three.



### Round Three – September 1-September 15, 2020

Round three will consist of practical skills demonstration. Each contestant moving into Round Three will receive a contest kit delivered via FedEx or UPS. Contestants will open the outer box and will find a set of instructions. Contestants should not open the interior box (containing the contest kit) until they are prepared to complete the practical skills demonstration AND they are being videoed. Contestants will submit the video of their practical skills demonstration via the *AQH Achieve* platform no later than September 15, 2020.

6. **TIEBREAKERS:** Contest facilitators reserve the right to implement predetermined tiebreakers during any round of the contest should it become necessary.
7. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Contestants requiring testing accommodations (i.e. for visual impairment) must notify the contest facilitators by email via the *AQH Achieve* platform in advance of beginning the Round One online exam. Contestant may be asked to provide documentation supporting need for requested accommodations.
8. **AWARDS:** Awards will be announced by September 30, following completion of Round Three and subsequent age validation of winning contestants. Awards will be provided to the top ten contestants in each age division.
9. **SCHOLARSHIPS:** The top two contestants in the Senior age division will be awarded scholarships as follows: First place- \$10,000; Second place- \$5,000.
10. **STUDY MATERIALS:** In addition to the free *AQH Learn* platform, contest facilitators recommend the following study material sources:
  - **Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms**, New Horizons Equine Education Center, Inc., Alpine Publications, P.O. Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537.
  - **The Horse (2nd Edition)** by Evans, Borton, Hintz, Van Vleck, W.H.Freeman and Company, 660 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94104.
  - **The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy**, by Robert Kainer and Thomas McCracken, Alpine Publications Inc., P.O. Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537.
  - **Horse Industry Handbook** by the American Youth Horse Council, The Equine Collection-Dept. AYHC, PO Box 1539, Fort Lee, NJ, 07024-1539.
  - **Horse Smarts: An Equine Reference & Youth Activity Guide**, by the American Youth Horse Council, <https://www.ayhc.com/product-page/horse-smarts>
  - **Feeding and Care of the Horse (2nd edition)** by Lon D. Lewis, paperback version from Williams and Wilkins, P.O. Box 1496, Baltimore, MD 21298-9724.
  - **Equine Science: Basic Knowledge For Horse People of All Ages**, By Jean T. Griffiths, [www.horsebooksetc.com](http://www.horsebooksetc.com) or call 1-800-952-5813 or ISBN#978-1-929164-42-4 to order from your local bookstore.
  - [www.thehorse.com](http://www.thehorse.com)
11. **CONTACT:** Questions related to *AQH Achieve* may be sent to: [aqbachieve@aqha.org](mailto:aqbachieve@aqha.org)

# AQH*Achieve* SCORE SHEET



I. **Round One**

**Online Exam**

TIME: 2 hours to complete exam

SCORING:

Senior- 100 possible points (100 multiple choice and True/False questions x 1 point each)

Junior- 100 possible points (50 multiple choice and True/False questions x 2 points each)

**Round One Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

II. **Round Two:**

The top 15 contestants from each age division will advance to Round Two

**Speech**

TIME: Maximum 10 minutes per contestant

SCORING: 100 total possible points

AUDIBILITY: (15 total possible points) (1-5 pts.)

1. Can talk be heard and easily understood? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is the voice expressive? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Was the speaker natural, conversational & sincere? \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTATION: (55 total possible points) (1-11 pts.)

1. Were the main points in the talk/answer(s) easy to follow? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do they have good eye contact? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are gestures natural and do they contribute to the talk? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did the speaker use correct grammar and vocabulary? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did talk/answer(s) flow smoothly with no unnecessary pauses? \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL: (30 total possible points) (1-15 pts.)

1. Is subject matter/answer(s) accurate and up to date? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Overall quality of presentation/answers? \_\_\_\_\_

**Round Two Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

III. **Round Three**

The top 10 contestants from each age division based on cumulative scores from the first two rounds will advance to Round Three.

**Practical Skills**

TIME: A maximum of 30 minutes per contestant will be allotted after opening the contest kit.

SCORING: 100 pts.

**Round Three Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL CONTEST TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL PLACING:** \_\_\_\_\_