



Thank You for Considering Becoming a 2026 SCQHA Queen Candidate!!

SCQHA has been Proud to Sponsor a Queen to be an Ambassador to the Equine Community promoting SCQHA as a Friendly and Fun organization dedicated to 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 Queen Winners, Top Five and Top Ten Overall finishers as well as Individual Contest Champions, and Top Ten Placers in the Test, Interview AND Horsemanship portions of the contest. We are sure 2026 will be an EXCITING year for you as a 2026 Queen Candidate and we are so glad to have you join us!

Why Become an SCQHA Queen Candidate?

- To represent and promote SCQHA 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 SCQHA meetings and horse shows.
- To be a role model for the SCQHA Youth Association.
- To hand out ribbons at the SCQHA 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



How do I become a 2026 SCQHA Queen Candidate?

- Join SCQHA in 2025 & 2026 as a Family, Single or Youth Member.
- Be 19 to 26 years of age (as of January 1, 2026) and not married, divorced, or a single parent
- Obtain a minimum of one \$100 sponsorship by March 2026 (Sponsorship Form Attached)
- Mail in the **2026 Queen Application** with 3 **Wallet Sized Pictures** of the Candidate no later than **December 15, 2025**. The SCQHA Queen contest will be held during the **SCQHA Banquet January 24, 2026 and The Southern Gold Classic**.
- Attend the **2025 Annual Year End Awards Banquet** on January 24th and assist as needed per the Queen Advisor.

How do I Compete to be the 2026 SCQHA Queen?

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

- Personal Interview** (50% of Score) – **January 24th**, based on number of candidates and schedule: There will be 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 SCQHA and why you want the job of representing SCQHA as Queen. Queen attire is appropriate for this portion of the contest.
- Written Test** (30% of Score) – **January 24th**, written test will consist of questions on the 2025 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.



- Queen's Horsemanship** (20% of Score) – **TIME TBD at The Southern Gold Classic.** 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 or leased 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 written test score will be crowned the winner since we feel that it is very important for our Queen to be knowledgeable and poised in order to best represent the South Carolina Quarter Horse Association.

The winner will be announced at Queen's reception, **TIME TBD** during the Southern Gold Classic.

What Does SCQHA Provide for the 2026 Queen?

- \$1000 scholarship to be used for educational purposes only (tuition, student loans, etc.) from SCQHA
- 2026 SCQHA Queen's Facebook page to post her bio, post and pictures of the all the activities she completes throughout the year
- Her own hat crown, SCQHA sash, belt buckle
- 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 2026 Queen's Reign!!
- Other prizes will be dictated per year

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.



- Present 2026 Year End Awards at the Year End Awards Banquet
- Attend the 2026 SCQHA annual meetings, digitally or in person.
- Present awards, promote membership and assist with the 2027 Queen's Contest
- Present awards at a minimum of 3 other shows, which may include SCQHA Shows, approved Quarter Horse shows, the South Carolina 4H State Horse Show, the Carolina Cup and other events may be proposed to the Queen Advisor for approval.
- Participate in the 2026 All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen's contest
- Pose in the 2026 SCQHA 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 2027 SCQHA Queen

While SCQHA 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 2026 Queen. Candidates are encouraged to obtain as many sponsors as possible. ALL Sponsors must be acknowledged on the Facebook page 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.

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

Should the title holder 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.



Important Dates in 2026 for the Queen...

Premier AQHA & VRH Cattle Classic

Southern Gold Classic | Camden, SC

Palmetto Classic | Camden, SC

Sandlapper Classic | Camden, SC

Spooktacular | Camden, SC

Congress Queen Contest Dates & Times will be announced mid-year by the All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest Co-Chairs for October 2026.

All Cancellations, Additional Events and Date Changes will be posted on the SCQHA website Home page and facebook page: www.facebook.com/scqhaqueen. This includes weather related cancellations



SCQHA Queen's Code of Conduct

The SCQHA 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 SCQHA 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 SCQHA functions, including meetings, horse shows, and other activities.
- When I visit other horse shows as a representative of SCQHA, I will be punctual, friendly, and willing to assist with whatever is asked of me.
- All applicants must uphold their title with respect, honor, grace, integrity and dignity. Applicants will not involve themselves in any activities that bring dishonor to the title, contest, queen committee or fellow applicants. If asked to remove or edit media included on one's social media presence in conflict with the standards set forth by the Queen Committee, applicants will comply and do so.
- 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, obscene, or overly opinionated comments or photos on personal websites or group sites, such as but not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.
- 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 SCQHA at various functions, including horse shows, meetings, and at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress.

SCQHA 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 SCQHA 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: _____



SCQHA 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.



South Carolina Quarter Horse Queen

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Website/ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Amount of Sponsorship: _____

Queen/ Candidate Sponsored: _____

Please make all checks payable to **SCQHA (add "Queen" in subject line)**

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All Sponsors' names will be posted at the SCQHA Annual Banquet, SCQHVA show in June during the Queen's reception, on www.scqhaqueen.com, and the facebook page www.facebook.com/scqhaqueen.