

***Dixie National Quarter Horse ESSAY Scholarship Application***  
***Sponsored by the Mississippi Amateur Quarter Horse Association***  
***Award: \$1,000.00 College Scholarship to winner***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ College You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTEST RULES AND CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**

**(Any Applications/Essays received not in compliance with these rules will be rejected)**

1. Contest is open to any Mississippi High School Senior who plans to attend a Mississippi College or University.
2. **All Applicants must be in their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) consecutive year of membership with MQHYA at the time of application.**
3. Essay- 50%  
**Length-** Minimum 1000 words; Maximum 1200 words  
**Form-** Typewritten, double spaced, standard margins, title and author as heading on first page only, page number to be centered at the bottom of every page  
**Topic-** How your life has been influenced by your involvement with horses
4. Financial need-20%  
A. Do you live in a one parent or two parent home? (Circle) 1 2  
B. Number of people your parent(s) will support in 2014-2015. Include your parent(s), yourself, and those who get more than half their support from your parent(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Number of dependents in: Preschool \_\_\_\_\_ Grade School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Parent(s)/ Guardians Occupation  
Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
E. Do your parent(s) own or rent their home? (Circle one) Rent Own
5. Involvement with horses- 30%  
List involvement \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation ( must identify relationship to applicant) must be

Postmarked by

**Friday, January 24, 2014**

**Mail To:**

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Recipient or a representative must be present during the Awards Ceremony at the Dixie National Quarter Horse show which will be Friday night, February 14, 2014 at the opening ceremony for the Free Style Reining Show. In the event the recipient is unable to attend the 2014-2015 college session, the award must be relinquished to the first runner up. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the college or university that will be attended.

**NOTE: This is a PERSONAL ESSAY CONTEST, not a book report or research paper. Spelling, punctuation and grammar DO count. If an essay does not meet the scholarship committee's standards for spelling, punctuation and grammar, the essay will be disqualified. In the event the scholarship committee does not receive an essay that meets the above rules, criteria or standards, the committee reserves the right to decline to award a scholarship that year.**

Warning: Under Mississippi law, an equine activity or equine sponsor is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to this act. (House Bill 96)