

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ ACT Score: _____

College You Plan to Attend: _____

Contest Rules and Selection Factors:

(Any applications or 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, at a minimum, in their third (3rd) consecutive year of MQHYA membership at the time of application.
3. **Essay: 50% weight**

Topic- How your life has been influenced by your involvement with horses

- a. Length- Minimum: 1000 words; Maximum: 1200 words
- b. 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
- c. NOTE: This is a personal essay contest and not a book report or research paper. In addition to essay content, spelling, punctuation and grammar will be considered and may be grounds for disqualification.

4. **Financial need: 20% weight**

- 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 2016-2017. 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) or Guardians Occupation
Father: _____
Mother _____
Other _____
- e. Do your parent(s) own or rent their home? (Circle one) Rent Own

5. **Involvement with horses: 30% weight**

List involvement: _____

6. Completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation (must identify relationship to applicant) must be **postmarked no later than Friday, January 20, 2017 and mailed to:**

Cathy Cook
3927 Lake Catherine Drive
Jackson, MS 39212
601-214-1925

Important Additional Information for the Scholarship Winner:

- If you are selected as the 2016 recipient of the Dixie National Quarter Horse Essay Scholarship, you or a representative must be present for the award presentation during the opening ceremony for the Dixie National Quarter Horse Free Style Reining on Friday night, February 17, 2017 at the Mississippi Fair Grounds Coliseum.
- In the event that you are unable to attend the 2017-2018 college session, the award must be relinquished to the first runner up.
- Scholarship money is paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

In the event that, in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee, no essay is submitted 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)