

**Mississippi Amateur Quarter Horse  
Association Scholarship Application  
Award: \$1,000.00 College Scholarship**

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 or accredited Mississippi Trade School..
2. All applicants must be, at a minimum, in their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 this year .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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation (must identify relationship to applicant) must be posted no later than January 15 by emailing to [wattsaf@gmail.com](mailto:wattsaf@gmail.com) and be submitted in PDF format, or postmarked by January 15 and mailed to:

Aprille Watts  
207 Long Street  
Union, MS 39365

**Important Additional Information for the Scholarship Winner:**

- If you are selected as the recipient of the Mississippi Amateur Quarter Horse Association Scholarship, you or a representative must be present for the award presentation during the Awards Banquet of the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association.
- In the event that you are unable to attend the fall college session, the award must be relinquished back to the Amateur Association.
- Scholarship money is paid directly to the recipient's college or university, or accredited Mississippi Trade School.

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)