

**2020 Canadian Quarter Horse Association
Awards Nomination Form**

On behalf of the Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA) we would like to thank you for taking the time to nominate a deserving person for a prestigious award. CQHA is a proud international affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and is honored to offer recognition to the outstanding individuals who help promote the American Quarter Horse in Canada by using, owning, breeding, training, or volunteering.

Submission Instructions

- Must be received by CQHA via email no later than **midnight MST October 30, 2020.**
- Must be submitted electronically in PDF form; the form may not be altered or amended.
- Submit an electronic photo with your application.
- Complete all relevant requested information.
- A description of each award is provided at the end of the application.
- Winners will be presented with a trophy buckle at the CQHA AGM in person or via an on-line meeting platform like Skype, Zoom, or FaceTime and will be featured on the CQHA website and other social media platforms. Disclaimer signature required.
- Nomination requirements are as follows:
 - Must be an AQHA member in good standing for a minimum of 5 years. *(This does not apply to the youth awards)*. Nominations for a deceased person will be accepted using their past AQHA membership number.
 - Must be accompanied by two letters of reference with contact information.
 - Must be a Canadian resident.
 - **Nominations must be submitted by someone other than the person being nominated.**
 - Horses that apply to the respective categories must be registered with AQHA. *(This does not apply to the Rising Star Youth Award)*.

Please select one of the following awards by placing a check mark next to the selection.

Breeder Awards

- Canadian AQHA Ranch Horse Breeder of the Year.
- Canadian AQHA Performance Horse Breeder of the Year.
- Canadian AQHA Best Remuda of the Year.

Trainer Award

- Canadian AQHA Trainer of the Year

Youth Awards

- Canadian AQHA Youth of the Year
- Rising Star Award.

The Doris Heintz Loyalty and Leadership Award

- Canadian AQHA Development Leadership Award

Please complete the following:



Nominee AQHA Membership# (if applicable):	# of years nominee has held an AQHA membership (if applicable):
Nominee Name and birthdate:	Name of the nominator:
Nominee Mailing Address and daytime phone number:	Nominator Mailing address and daytime phone number:
Nominee Email Address:	Nominee Website (if applicable):
# Horses in the nominee's name or business's name (if applicable):	# Reg Certificates - nominee is both the owner and breeder (if applicable):
Indicate any AQHA, AQHYA, breed organizations, equine associations, or equine membership associations and the years during which the nominee participated. (For youth include associations like 4-H, pony club, or similar):	
Provide details here about the nominee's horse related activities:	
Provide details here about any of the nominee's special achievements or honors:	

If applicable to the respective award, supporting material and suggested sources for reference in preparation of the nominee's biographical information may include articles in different publications, records of AQHA and others

related organizations such NCHA, NRHA, reference letters from the people who know or in the case of a deceased person, knew the nominee and personal testament from the person preparing the nomination. Copies of supporting materials should be submitted with the nomination.

The personal information provided to The Canadian Quarter Horse Association by emailing or filling out a form is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, and will be used only for the purpose it was collected and uses directly consistent with that purpose.

Disclaimer: I understand that CQHA will use my photo and information for advertising purposes in conjunction with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy act.

Nominee Signature: _____ Date of Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (for youth under the age of 18): _____

Description of Awards

Canadian AQHA Ranch Horse Breeder of the Year

This award is aimed at engaging the mid-size breeder that has and currently raises fine American Quarter horses. The nominations must include:

1. AQHA horses that are used primarily for recreational and/or ranching purposes.
2. Must own a minimum of 10 American Quarter horses.
3. 50% of the horse registrations must indicate that the owner is also the breeder.
4. Must demonstrate responsible breeding practices. This may include the use of proper horse identification and disease control.
5. Must demonstrate commitment to the industry by leadership practices that help promote their operation and the American Quarter Horse. This may include involvement in other associations, youth initiatives, events including sales and clinics, etc.
6. Preference will be given to operations that have their own stallion(s).

Canadian AQHA Performance Horse Breeder of the Year

This award is aimed at those breeders that are already actively involved with AQHA, may not own a large number of horses, but have a focus on raising horses that excel in the show pen. The nominations must include:

1. Horses that have a proven performance record with a minimum of 2 years of AQHA point earners on two or more American Quarter Horses.
2. Must demonstrate commitment to the industry by leadership practices that help promote their operation and the American Quarter Horse. This may include involvement with their provincial AQHA affiliate, other associations, youth initiatives, events including sales, and clinics, etc.

Canadian Best AQHA Remuda of the Year

This award emulates the American version at AQHA and will target larger established ranches. The nominations must include:

1. Ownership of a minimum of 20 American Quarter Horses.
2. 50% of the horse registrations must indicate that the owner is also the breeder.
3. Must demonstrate a minimum of 10 years of ranching and raising American Quarter Horses with a focus on using those horses as part of their day to day operations on the ranch or farm.
4. Must demonstrate commitment to the industry by leadership practices that help promote their operation and the American Quarter Horse. This may include involvement in other associations, youth initiatives, events including sales and clinics, etc.
5. Preference will be given to nominations that can show historical operation in Canada.

Trainer Award

Canadian AQHA Trainer of the year

This award is aimed at recognizing trainers that demonstrate a commitment to the American Quarter Horse in Canada through best training practices and leadership in promoting the importance of training fundamentals and horsemanship. Nominations must include:

1. Must own a minimum of two American Quarter Horses.
2. Must provide two references of past and present customers that have horses in training with them for a minimum of two months or more.
3. Must demonstrate promotion of their training business by involvement in putting on clinics, AQHA shows or other training events, a website, and social media.
4. Their training business must be their full time occupation.

Youth Awards

Canadian AQHA Youth of the Year

This award is aimed at recognizing youth already associated and engaged with AQHA. Nominations must include:

1. Must have an AQHA membership for a minimum of one year.
2. Demonstrate involvement with AQHA through an AQHA youth program(s).
3. Preference will be given to youth that volunteer their time to promote AQHA.

Rising Star Award

This award is aimed at recognizing a youth that is not already involved with AQHA but has demonstrated true worth as an up and coming horse professional and future industry leader. Nominations must include:

1. Youth between the ages of 10-17
2. Must demonstrate commitment to the industry through affiliation with an agriculture or horse related type program, participation in events that involve the training of horses, or participation in events that help educate youth on improving horsemanship. Examples of this may be clinic participation, 4-H/Pony Club, rodeo, or trainer events that involve youth and so on.

3. The winner will be provided with a free AQHA 1 year youth membership which includes all of the AQHA “swag” sent out to new AQHA youth members. This is in addition to the award received for winning this category.
4. Must provide two references that can verify the applicants’ credentials.
5. Preference will be given to youth that do not already have an AQHA membership.

Canadian AQHA Development Leadership Award

This is aimed at recognizing an individual for their outstanding years of service to AQHA in Canada. Nominations must include:

1. Demonstrate involvement with AQHA programs and initiatives. This may include but are not limited to contribution to AQHA directly, the AQHA provincial affiliate, or other associations that use American Quarter Horses like reining, cutting, reined cow horse, mounted shooting, and so on.

Nomination Checklist

- Nomination form completed in full.
- Submitted in PDF form electronically.
- Submitted a photo of the nominee.
- Two letters of reference in pdf form accompany the nomination.
- Disclaimer signature completed (if applicable)

Submit nominations and letters of reference in PDF form along with a photo via email to the CQHA nominations committee to admin@cqha.ca Questions regarding the nomination process can be forwarded to the CQHA nominations committee chairperson Bob Hawkins at rwhorses@hotmail.com