



2026 Youth Excellence Seminar July 8-10, 2026 in Amarillo, TX

**Letter of Intent - DUE May 1st**

What is YES?

The Youth Excellence Seminar welcomes AQHYA members and nonmembers, ages 10 to 18, to experience this three-day, fun-packed event that offers valuable leadership skills, inspiring speakers and AQHYA governance items.

AQHYA officer and director elections will also take place during YES. To learn more about AQHYA officer and director elections, ask a fellow youth member or refer to AQHA.com to [view the Guide to Campaigning and the Officer and Director Application Form](#).

### YES Facts

- Anyone ages 10 to 18 can attend – current AQHYA members and nonmembers.
- Youth will experience leadership development sessions and workshops, take part in a service activity, network with horse enthusiasts from around the world, and take inspiration from engaging keynote speakers.
- Five AQHYA officers will be elected president, first vice president, second vice president, member and member.
- Regional directors will be elected—AQHYA has 11 regions; each region elects three AQHYA members as directors.



## QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AS PART OF WASHINGTON STATE

1. Be a member in good standing with WSQHYA and AQHYA by May 1st of the qualifying year.
2. Attend one mandatory WSQHYA YES meeting prior to June 1, 2025.
3. Fundraise a minimum of \$875 or turn in the equivalent if not fundraising by June 1, 2025.

I plan to attend the YES and will be traveling from (please check **one**):

- Seattle, WA to Amarillo, TX
- Las Vegas, NV (EMO - Celebration) to Amarillo, TX

I understand that if my flight needs change, I will be responsible for all flight fare differences if changes to booking need to be made after flights have been booked.

By signing below, I agree to fundraise a minimum of \$875 by June 1, 2025. If fundraising requirements have not been completed, I agree to pay to the Washington State Quarter Horse Youth Association the remaining balance due.

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Youth Name

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Youth Signature/Date

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Youth Date of Birth

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Signature/Date

Please return this form to Quelinda Benjamin by May 1, 2025, to  
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