



HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

Induction into the Iowa Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by the Iowa Quarter Horse Association, established to recognize and honor individuals - human and equine - who have made substantial contributions to the Iowa Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse by their accomplishments within the Iowa Quarter Horse Association.

The time has come to nominate men, women and horses for the Class of 2027. Nominations are due August 1, 2026.

All candidates for induction must meet the following qualifications for nomination:

Horse Candidates

- Horse must be deceased.
- Horse must be recognized through the American Quarter Horse Association breed registry.
- Horse must be outstanding for a multitude of years as a sire, dam, competitor or brought exceptional visibility to the American Quarter Horse breed in the state of Iowa.
- Any nominated horse foaled 50 years prior to the year of nomination may receive the designation of "Legend."

Human Candidates

- Person may be either living or deceased.
- Person is/has been a member in good standing with the Iowa Quarter Horse Association and/or American Quarter Horse Association and/or has made a significant impact on IQHA/AQHA and the industry.
- Person whose activities occurred during the existence of IQHA (i.e., post 1951).
- Person's activities should be outstanding over a multitude of years and contributed to the advancement of the American Quarter Horse industry in the state of Iowa.
- Person has conducted themselves in a positive way that is becoming of the honor of Hall of Fame induction.
- Any nominated individual whose major influence ended 50 years prior to the year of nomination may receive the designation of "Legend."

All nomination materials including a cover letter, completed nominee summary, letters of support and support information must be submitted by August 1, 2026. Nominations previously submitted should be resubmitted to comply with newly clarified criteria as outlined. Questions regarding eligibility period for previously submitted nominations or other inquiries may be directed to the Iowa Quarter Horse Association, iowaqha@gmail.com.