OQHYA Scholarship Guidelines

- I. SELECTION COMMITTEE Members of the selection committee will consist of the OQHA Board of Directors and Officers.
- II. SELECTION PROCESS & GUIDELINES:
 - Applications are available online or from the Youth Advisor.
 - Applicants must be a graduating senior in the year the scholarship is applied for.
 - The applicant must be a current OQHYA member in good standing. A member who has been active in the organization and contributed to welfare of the organization. The applicant should list personal achievements and contributions toward the betterment of OQHYA and OQHA.
 - The applicant should list extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, student government, 4-H, FFA, sports and community service.
 - The applicant should list any office held in organizations of which he/she has been a member.
 - The applicant should list any honors or awards received to date. (Horse related, school, athletic or extracurricular)
 - The applicant must either rank in the upper 30 percent (30%) of his/her high school graduating class or have completed a national college entrance exam and achieved a rank above the 70th percentile.
 - A transcript, showing the most recent cumulative grade point average, must accompany the application. Additional, updated transcripts may also be requested.
 - The applicant must have submitted on their behalf, at least two and not more than three letters of recommendation. Required letters include: one from a teacher, official, or coach from your High School, and one from a person involved with the AQHA or OQHA. We will not accept letters from family members or from anyone on the OQHA Foundation Selection Committee. Additional sources could be President of OQHA, 4-H, FFA, Civic and Community leaders, etc.

III. THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The amount of funds available for scholarships in a given year will be determined by the OQHYA scholarship committee, prior to the annual meeting of the selection committee.

2. The number and amount of the scholarships to be awarded in any given year will be determined annually by the selection committee.

3. The amount awarded per recipient in any given year is not to exceed \$1000.00.

4. Recipients will be notified as soon as reasonably possible after the selection committee meets.

5. If a recipient is awarded a scholarship but chooses not to attend school for a fall semester then he or she is dropped to an alternate status.

IV. APPLICATION DEADLINE The deadline for applications will be April 1 of the year in which you wish to receive the scholarship. PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION AND REQUIRED INFORMATION TO: <u>oqhayouthadvisor@gmail.com</u>-title the email Scholarship Application

OR send to: OQHYA Scholarship Fund C/O OQHA Secretary PO Box 537 Newberg, OR 97132 (must be post dated no later than April 1).