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AQHYA National Racing Experience

Q-Racing Journal, September 23, 2011 -- Eleven [AQYHA](#) members have been chosen to attend the [National Racing Experience](#) October 5-9 at the [Hoosier Park Racing and Casino](#) in Indianapolis. Throughout the five days, the youth will work with owners, trainers, jockeys and, of course, [American Quarter Horses](#).

The 11 finalists are:

- Julie Goodfellow, 17, of Nacogdoches, Texas, who shows American Quarter Horses and has experience in race training, breeding and ownership
- Sammi Condon, 17, of Mesa Arizona, who rides and wants to become a racing training
- Allyssa Sims, 17, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, who wants to be an agronomist and a farrier
- Amber Reffitt, 16, of Twelve Mile, Indiana, who wants to be a racing trainer
- Faythe Vest, 16, of Greenbrier, Arkansas, who currently competes in western and speed events
- Michael Felts, 17, of Chesterfield, Virginia, who shows American Quarter Horses and is the Virginia AQHYA president
- Sadie Church, 17, of Columbus, Montana, who shows and is the Montana AQHYA president and Region 2 AQHYA director
- Sergio Carrion Garcia, 19, of Varacruz, Mexico, whose family is involved in the Quarter Horse racing industry
- Andrew Sayger, 19, of Hazen, Arkansas, who shows in speed events and wants to be a trainer and breeder
- Fenton Nelson, 16, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, who competed in rodeo, tie-down roping and steer wrestling in national high school rodeo competition
- Mark Mowbray, 16, of Rhodesdale, Maryland, who shows halter horses and is a Region 5 AQHYA director

Participants in the Racing Experience will have the opportunity to win scholarships by filling out two workbooks that will be scored by racing experts. The first workbook must be completed prior to the Experience, while the second workbook will be completed and graded during the Racing Experience. In addition to the workbooks, a barn test will also be given. AQYHA members with the highest accumulated scores will be eligible for \$6,000 worth of scholarships.

For more information on the [AQHYA National Racing Experience](#), contact Courtney Martin at cmartin@aqha.org.

Founded in 1940, the [American Quarter Horse Association](#) is the largest equine breed organization in the world. With headquarters in Amarillo, Texas, AQHA has a membership of more than 300,000 people in 86 countries and has registered more than 5 million horses in 95 countries.