



**Subject:** Affiliate MVP

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It is time once again to choose your affiliate's Most Valuable Professional. This award is given to the Most Valuable Professional Horseman belonging to each state and provincial affiliate in recognition of service and support to that affiliate.

It is recommended that each affiliate identify their MVP by putting all nominees before your affiliate's general membership for a vote. This could either be at a regularly scheduled membership meeting or by paper or electronic ballot. Based on the voting, each affiliate will then submit its state/provincial MVP recipient to AQHA for consideration for the national 2017 Most Valuable Professional award.

The Professional Horsemen's Council has defined the criteria for eligibility as follows:

- Nominee must be involved in, and have shown support of, his/her state or provincial affiliate.
- Nominee must be a current member in good standing of his/her state or provincial affiliate, as well as AQHA and the Association of AQHA Professional Horsemen.
- Nominee should be recognized by his/her peers as a fair and upstanding business person who upholds the ethical standards of AQHA Professional Horsemen.
- Nominee must be one who has worked toward the future of our industry by being positive and innovative in business endeavors.
- There will be one award per affiliate given annually.

All state/provincial MVPs may be nominated for the national MVP Award; in addition, AQHA will award a specially designed plaque to each. The Professional Horsemen's Council will select the national Most Valuable Professional after reviewing all affiliate nominations. Results will be announced at the AQHA Convention in Jacksonville, FL, in March 2018, where the national MVP will be presented a commemorative Montana Silversmith belt buckle.

Please use the enclosed form to submit your state/provincial MVP recipient for consideration on or before **September 15, 2017**. Nominations received after September 15, 2017 will not be considered for the national MVP award.

Thank you in advance for your participation and assistance. Should you have questions, please contact Karen McCuiston at 806-348-4361 or [kmccuiston@aqha.org](mailto:kmccuiston@aqha.org).