



MQHA Ralph Gillis Memorial Bursary

As many of our members may be aware, the maritime horse industry lost a great influence in the east coast Quarter Horse community in early 2024. Ralph Gillis was a founding member of the original Maritime Quarter Horse Association, and since its inception continued to influence horsemen and horsewomen of the Maritimes throughout his lengthy career. Spanning anywhere from breeding and competing in the pleasure pen to, in recent years, the reining ring, Ralph's influence is still felt by many who knew him.

It is from Ralph's passing, and with permission of his family that the 2024 MQHA board of directors has chosen to memorialize his contributions to the industry by naming the MQHA Youth Bursary in his honour and moving forward it shall be known as the MQHA RALPH GILLIS MEMORIAL BURSARY.

This bursary is open for application and consideration to any current Maritime Quarter Horse Youth Association (MQHYA) member who has successfully completed their High School Diploma and has been accepted to, and will be attending the first year of their post secondary program during the same calendar year.

The MQHA Ralph Gillis Memorial bursary is a total of \$1000.00.

Application packages can be requested by e-mail at mqha@live.ca or by contacting Jeremy Hoyt directly.

Application deadline is September 2, 2024.