

Big Brothers Big Sisters, and American Quarter Horse Specialty License Plates Available

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) now offers a "Big Brothers Big Sisters" specialty license plate and an "American Quarter Horse" specialty license plate.

The "Big Brothers Big Sisters" specialty license plate features a stylized logo of an adult and child joined together to form a heart, and the name of the organization appears at the bottom of the license plate in blue letters. The license plate is available for passenger cars and light trucks for a \$30 annual fee, plus \$40 if personalized, in addition to regular registration fee.

Of the \$30 annual fee, \$22 will be deposited into a special fund administered by the Office of the Attorney General to provide funds to the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. The funds will help fulfill the group's mission to support children through professionally supported relationships, and also be used for recruiting volunteers and maintaining programs for children across the state.

Texas horse lovers now have the opportunity to order an "American Quarter Horse" specialty license plate. The specialty license plate features artist Orren Mixer's ideal depiction of an American saddle horse, with the words "American Quarter Horse" above the illustration. The phrase "America's Horse" appears at the bottom of the plate in bold red letters.

The "American Quarter Horse" specialty license plate is also available for passenger cars, light trucks and trailers for a \$30 annual fee, of which \$22 will be deposited into a special fund administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture to benefit the American Quarter Horse Foundation. Funds from sales will support foundation scholarships, equine research, history preservation and therapeutic riding programs. The plate may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee, in addition to regular registration fees.

Applications for both license plates are available at county tax assessor-collector offices, or by calling the TxDOT Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611. An application (Form VTR-999 for cars and trucks, or Form VTR-996 for trailers) may also be downloaded online from TxDOT's Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us, or received via fax from our Fax-On-Demand line at (888) 232-7033. To view the new specialty license plates, visit our Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us/vtr/spplates/allplates.htm.

The plates were approved by TxDOT's Specialty License Plate Advisory Committee in 2005. TxDOT started its specialty license plate program in 1965. There are more than 115 different plate designs, many benefiting a particular organization, college or university.

For more information, please contact (COUNTY CONTACT NAME), (CONTACT PERSON'S TITLE), at (CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE NUMBER).

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