AQHA All-Around Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

The following criteria must be met before becoming an AQHA-approved judge:

1. Have individual, current-year AQHA membership, in good standing

2. Be at least 25 years of age.

3. Each applicant’s name must be listed on the AQHA Website or appear in at least one issue of *The Quarter Horse Journal* prior to review by the Judges Committee.

   1. Receive approval from AQHA State Selection Committee for judges.
   2. Receive approval from AQHA Judges Committee.
   3. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
   4. If favorable approval is received, notification from AQHA that applicant must attend the next Judges Qualifying Exam.
      a. Rule Book Test – 200 questions (80% minimum score required).
      b. Required to judge approximately 10-12 live classes (minimum of six horses each class – halter and performance).
      c. Required to judge approximately 6-10 5video classes
      d. Will be interviewed by four or more panel members, and evaluated for expertise in various events as well as particular judging situations.
      e. Will be ranked according to other applicants attending the Judges Qualifying Exam.
      f. Only top scoring applicants at each Judges Qualifying Exam will be approved.

5. Receive final review and approval by Judges Committee and Executive Committee.

6. Required to complete recertification and/or a rulebook test each year via online testing.

7. The Judges Committee will review all-around applications twice per year:
   a. March - **Deadline for application is December 1.**
   b. September – **Deadline for application is June 1.**

8. An individual may not re-apply for a period of five years for AQHA judges credentials after being denied 3 times for any of the following:
   a. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
   b. Failure to pass the qualifying examination; or
   c. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.

**$150 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with application**
**Personal Information**

Your Primary Occupation

Your Secondary Occupation

**Education**

High School

College or University

Are you a current member of AQHA? [ ] No [ ] Yes If you are a life member, please list the date purchased.

Are you a member of a local, state or provincial AQHA Affiliate? [ ] No [ ] Yes If yes, give name(s) of affiliate(s).

Have you ever held an office in a local, state or provincial affiliate? [ ] No [ ] Yes If so, explain:

Are you a member of AQHA's Professional Horsemen? [ ] No [ ] Yes

Have you enrolled or previously attended an AQHA Judges Educational Seminar? [ ] No [ ] Yes If so, when?

**References**

You must submit reference forms provided by AQHA. These should be returned by the individual giving the reference. Required references include one (1) from an AQHA-approved judge, one (1) from an AQHA member and one (1) from a character reference not involved in the American Quarter Horse industry.

List those individuals submitting references on your behalf.

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General Information

Each application must be accompanied by a recent photograph of the applicant. The photograph should be 3 1/2” x 5” or larger and include only the head and shoulders of the applicant. The photo does not have to be professionally done; it can be a snapshot; however, it must be printed, no email photos or discs.

Applications and supporting materials become the property of AQHA and cannot be returned.

Applications should be sent to

American Quarter Horse Association
Attn: Judges Department
P.O. Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168

If you have additional questions please email judges@aqha.org

The undersigned does hereby waive any right he or she may have to require disclosure to him or her by AQHA of any information obtained to evaluate him or her as a prospective judge, agreeing that the accuracy of information concerning the undersigned’s character, reputation and judging abilities is paramount to his or her disclosure rights, if any.

Signature of Applicant ________________________________ Date: __________________

An individual’s conduct as a member, exhibitor and judge must be exemplary; is subject to continual Judges Committee review, with an automatic review after (5) five years of becoming an AQHA judge; and such designation is revocable by the Judges Committee with or without notice and formal hearing, subject only to ultimate review by the Executive Committee, with or without notice and formal hearing.

Signature of Applicant ________________________________ Date: __________________

American Quarter Horse Information

Have you ever owned an American Quarter Horse, or do you own one now?  O  No  O  Yes

If so, list horse/s’ names dates owned:

Horse Name ___________________________________________ Date: ________________
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Are you, or have you ever been, a breeder of American Quarter Horses?  O  No  O  Yes

If so, how long?

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Have you ever shown an American Quarter Horse?  O  No  O  Yes

If so, list horse/s’ names and dates shown:

Horse Name ___________________________________________ Date: ________________
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During the past five years, how have you been active in the management or training of American Quarter Horses?
*Please include people for whom you have managed or trained in the past five years.*

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**Judging Information**

What do you perceive as the role and responsibilities of an AQHA-approved judge?

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Have you ever been, or are you, an approved judge for any other equine association or group *(NRHA, NCHA, NSBA, NRCHA, WCHA, etc.)*?

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Have you judged any type of horse show not requiring a judge’s card? *(i.e. Open shows, 4-H, etc.)*

- [ ] No  [ ] Yes

*Explain and list *(on a separate sheet, if needed)* the names and locations of shows you have judged in the previous year and the names and locations of the shows you plan to judge during the current year.*

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I understand the above named individual is applying for approval as an AQHA-approved judge. I am aware of the seriousness of this position and that being an AQHA judge requires integrity, character and financial responsibility, as well as equine knowledge and expertise. With this in mind, I submit the following information for your review regarding this applicant.

Printed Name: ________________________________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________________________________________ Date: ________________________________

AQHA JUDGE

RETURN TO:
AQHA
Attention: Judges Department
P.O. Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168

(Both pages of the report must be completed)
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Area of Specialization

**AQHA Rule #SHW900**

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Printed Name: ____________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

**AQHA MEMBER**

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