

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, call **806-378-4708** or 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? No Yes

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

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Are you, or have you ever been, a breeder of American Quarter Horses? No Yes

If so, how long? _____

Have you ever shown an American Quarter Horse in the class you are applying for the specialized judge's card? No Yes

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

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Horse Name _____ Date: _____

Please tell us *(on a separate sheet of paper, if needed)* why you consider yourself a specialist in the area for which you are applying.

Judging Information

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

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

No Yes *If so, list:*

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.

Comments concerning applicant's character and professional standards:

AQHA Specialized Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

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

- I. Have individual, current-year AQHA membership, in good standing
- II. Be at least 25 years of age; mandatory retirement at 75. Level 1 judges must be 21 years of age.
- III. Each applicant's name must appear in at least one issue of *The Quarter Horse Journal* prior to review by the Judges Committee.
- IV. Receive approval from AQHA State Selection Committee for judges.
- V. Receive approval from AQHA Judges Committee.
- VI. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
- VII. If favorable approval is received, notification from AQHA that applicant must attend the next new judge orientation.
- VIII. The Judges Committee meets two times each year (Spring and Fall).
Deadlines for application are January 1 and July 1.
- IX. An individual may not re-apply for AQHA Specialized judges credentials after being denied 2 times for any of the following:
 1. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
 2. Failure to pass the specialized qualifying examination; or
 3. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.

****\$100 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with application****

