

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: _____

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? 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: _____

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.

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.

AQHA Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

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

- I. Have individual, current-year AQHA membership, in good standing
- II. Be at least 25 years of age.
- III. 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.
- 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 Judges Qualifying Exam.
 - A. Judges Qualifying Exam will be held once each year.
 - B. Qualifying Exam registration fee. **Do not send this fee until notified.**
 - C. Qualifying Exam will be two days (middle of week).
 1. Rule Book Test (80% minimum score required).
 2. Required to judge approximately 11 live classes (minimum of six horses each class – halter and performance).
 3. Required to judge seven (7) video classes.
 4. Required to take four written tests evaluating knowledge of particular classes.
 5. Will be interviewed by four or more panel members, and evaluated for expertise in various events as well as particular judging situations.
 6. Will be ranked according to other applicants attending the Judges Qualifying Exam.
 7. Only top scoring applicants at each Judges Qualifying Exam will be approved.
- VIII. Final review and approval by Judges Committee and Executive Committee.
- IX. Required to attend AQHA Judges Workshop the first year placed on approved judges list.
- X. The Judges Committee will review all-around applications at their March meeting.
Deadline for application is January 1.
- XI. 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:
 1. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
 2. Failure to pass the 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****

AQHA Judges Applicant Fact Sheet 2

DEADLINES

January 1 for application to be reviewed at Spring meeting (March)

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An individual, who fails three times, to achieve one of the levels specified below, may not reapply for a period of five years. To achieve any one of the levels specified below, each level counting as a failure:

1. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
2. Failure to pass the judges qualifying examination; or
3. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.