AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

AQHA SPECIALIZED JUDGE'S APPLICATION

You may attach extra pages to this application if needed.

Applicant's Name _____ _____ _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Date of Birth _____ _____ _____
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E-mail address _____ @ _____

I am applying for the following specialized judge's card(s):

O Cutting O Reining O Roping O Over Fence Classes O Working Cow Horse O Versatility Ranch Horse
O Equestrians with Disabilities O Team Penning & Ranch Sorting O Speed Events O Halter O All Novice

Personal Information

Your Primary Occupation _____

Your Secondary Occupation _____

Education

High School _____

College or University _____

Are you a current member of AQHA? No Yes ID Number _____

If you are a life member, please list the date purchased. _____

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

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

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

Have you applied/attended an AQHA Judges Educational Seminar? O No O 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.

AQHA Judge	AQHA Member	Character Reference
Name	Name	Name
Address	Address	Address
City	City	City
State & Zip Code	State & Zip Code	State & Zip Code

General Information

Each application must be accompanied by a recent photograph of the applicant. The photograph should be approximately 3"x5" and include only the head and shoulders of the applicant.

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) 378-4712 (Judges Department)

The undersigned does hereby waive any right he or she may have to require disclosure to him or her by the Association 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:

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

If so, how long? _____

Are you a member of AQHA's Breeder Referral Program? ○ No ○ Yes

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:

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.

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 required 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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AQHA JUDGES APPLICANT
REFERENCE LETTER

Applicant's Name:_____
Applicant's City & State:_____
Area of Specialization: _____

AQHA Rule #SHW900

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I understand the above named individual is applying for approval as an AQHA specialized 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

THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT THAT MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO AQHA BY THE PERSON SIGNING THE REPORT

Return to:
AQHA
Attention: Judges Department
PO Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168

(Both portions of the report must be completed)

AQHA SPECIALIZED JUDGES APPLICANT REFERENCE LETTER

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Printed Name:_____

Signed: _____ Date:_____

AQHA MEMBER

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AQHA JUDGES APPLICANT
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Comments concerning applicant's character and professional standards:

Comments concerning applicant’s expertise as a horse person and their judging ability:

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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.

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 Judges Selection Committee.

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 a 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 failure two (2) times 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 specialized qualifying examination; or

3. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.

You will need to submit a 4X5 photo of yourself along with the application. The photo does not have to be professionally done it can be a snapshot; however, it must be printed, no email photos or discs.

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