

AQHA Specialized Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

The following criteria must be met before becoming an AQHA-approved specialized 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.
4. Receive approval from AQHA State Selection Committee for judges.
5. Receive approval from AQHA Judges Committee.
6. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
7. If favorable approval is received, the applicant will be notified by AQHA that applicant must:
 - a. attend the next new judge orientation
 - b. complete mandatory testing (if applicable)
 - c. complete and return Judges Code of Ethics and Social Media Guidelines
8. Required to complete recertification as determined by the Judges and Executive Committee.
9. The Judges Committee will review specialized applications three times per year:
 - a. March – **Deadline for application is December 1.**
 - b. June – **Deadline for application is March 1**
 - c. September – **Deadline for application is June 1.**
10. An individual may not re-apply for AQHA Specialized judges credentials after being denied 2 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****

AQHA Specialized Judge's Application

FOR OVERNIGHT DELIVERY TO AQHA: 1600 QUARTER HORSE DR, AMARILLO, TX 79104 • MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 200, AMARILLO, TX 79168 WWW.AQHA.COM • © * FAX: 806-378-4675

You may attach extra pages to this application if needed.

Grid for name entry

APPLICANT'S NAME: LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE

Grid for address entry

ADDRESS

Grids for city, state/province, country, and zip/postal code entry

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

ZIP/POSTAL CODE

Grids for phone and birthdate entry

PHONE

BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

Grid for email entry

EMAIL

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

- Cutting Reining Roping Over Fence Classes Working Cow Horse Versatility Ranch Horse Ranch Riding
- Team Penning & Ranch Sorting Speed Events Halter Level 1

Personal Information

Your Primary Occupation _____

Your Secondary Occupation _____

Education

High School _____

College or University _____

Are you a current member of AQHA?

- No Yes

Grid for AQHA ID # entry

AQHA ID #

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.

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 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? 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:

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

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