

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****

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.
