



Judge Applicant Reference Information

AQHA must receive three references for each judge applicant to complete their applications. Required references include 1 from an AQHA-approved judge, 1 from an AQHA member and 1 from a character reference not involved in the American Quarter Horse industry. Applicants can not be related to (including by marriage) to any of their references.

The judge reference is a confidential report that is to be submitted by the person signing the report.

Please be aware of AQHA Rule SHW900: Designation as an AQHA-approved judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Judges Committee according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor and judge, and his ability must be exemplary.

References are asked to comment on the applicant's character and professional standards and the applicant's expertise as a horse person and their judging ability.

As of October 1, 2021, all judge applications and references must be submitted on the online form.

[Click here to fill out the Judge Reference Form](#)