

# AQHA International Only 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. Submit application electronically via email to [judges@aqha.org](mailto:judges@aqha.org) by designated deadline.
  - a. March – Deadline for application is **December 1**
  - b. June – Deadline for application is **March 1**
  - c. September – Deadline for application is **June 1**
4. Must complete the required testing online testing at AQH University, when offered (once per year).
  - a. Rule Book Test (90% minimum score required).
  - b. Required to judge approximately 6-10 video classes (70% minimum score required).
  - c. Will be interviewed by Judges Committee Members, and evaluated for expertise in various classes as well as particular judging situations.
  - d. Only top scoring applicants will be approved.
5. The Judges Committee will review International Testing Scores during their next available Conference Call. (Judges Committee meets in March, June and September)
6. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
7. Required to complete recertification and/or a rulebook test each year via online testing.
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.

**\*\*\$175 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with application\*\***

## All International Approved Judges

1. SHW909. INTERNATIONAL AQHA-APPROVED JUDGES residing in an international country may make four trips or judge four shows in any one country in a calendar year.

## Judge Re-Certification

2. For purposes of determining appropriate classes for International Judge's certification, recertification, and related testing, the slate of classes for these purposes will be determined by the classes that had been offered within the past 5 years by any country within the respective AQHA membership region. More specifically, if any country in an AQHA Membership Region has offered a particular class in the preceding 5 years, then that class would be considered within the scope of potential testing for any applicant or Judge within that AQHA Membership Region, regardless of whether the class has been offered in an applicant's country of origin. Correspondingly, the certification earned would qualify a judge to serve as an AQHA Judge for AQHA shows in any country within that particular AQHA Membership Region.



## 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 HPDOH no SQWHSRWR or discs.

**Applications and supporting materials become the property of AQHA and cannot be returned.**

Applications and \$175 fee should be sent to

American Quarter Horse Association  
Attn: Judges Department  
judges@aqha.org

If you have additional questions please email [judges@aqha.org](mailto: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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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### Judging Information

What do you perceive as the role and responsibilities of an AQHA-approved judge?

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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:*

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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.

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# AQHA Judge's Applicant Reference Letter – AQHA Judge

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WWW.AQHA.COM • © • FAX: 806-378-4675

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APPLICANT'S NAME: LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE

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Area of Specialization \_\_\_\_\_

## **AQHA Rule #SHW900**

Designation as an Association-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.

I understand the above named individual is applying for approval as an AQHA-approved 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*  
P.O. Box 200  
Amarillo, TX 79168  
judges@aqha.org

*(Both pages of the report must be completed)*

Comments concerning applicant's character and professional standards:

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