

WORLD CONFORMATION HORSE ASSOCIATION (WCHA)**JUDGES APPLICATION FORM****COVER SHEET**

Thank you for your interest in becoming an applicant to attain your WCHA Judges Card. We are excited about what this new Association *can be and do* for the Conformation/Halter industry. If you attain your Card, you will become a part of an elite group among the first Judges to be Carded.

Much of the Association's success rests with our Judges and their ability to objectively judge and place our competitions against the new WCHA Conformation Standard. We are committed to making a difference in our industry and bringing our mission and vision statement to life.

The World Conformation Horse Association's mission shall be to unite for the purpose of stimulating interest in and competitive opportunities for enthusiasts of the conformation horse, while protecting the integrity of the horse through responsible stewardship.

We strive to preserve and promote the value of correct conformation in the equine industry.

We believe that correct conformation serves as the foundation to the horse's ability to successfully perform in any discipline.

We are committed to protecting, preserving, and promoting the conformation standard of the horse and constantly pursuing growth in our industry.

We will hold our Judges accountable to assist us in the growth of this new Association, continuously volunteering to help with association needs and acting as a Role Model as we work to transform the industry.

Application Components and Process:

- Attached you will find:
 - Application form, including reference forms
 - Judges Code of Ethics
 - Judges Guidelines
 - Association by-laws

- Each applicant will be held responsible *to complete all of the components* of the application, including:
 - *The application*
 - *A signed copy of the Judges Code of Ethics*
 - *A 3X5 color photograph of the applicant dressed as if Judging and event,*
 - *4 references from active WCHA Members (Judging and Education Committee members are precluded from participating in the reference process and will be notified of such in case they are requested to provide a reference. Applicants are responsible to print off reference forms and distribute to each individual requested to provide a reference.)*
 - *A check in the amount of \$100.00 as the application filing fee.*

In addition, all applicants must be a member of WCHA. If you are currently not a member, you must join and will find the membership application form on the WCHA web site at: <http://www.conformationhorse.com/>

All components of the application must be submitted to the WCHA office to be received by the filing cut-off date of April 1, 2012. Applicants are responsible to ensure that those individuals submitting references on the applicant's behalf complete the reference form and the reference providers submit the references by the April 1st filing deadline.

Forms may be *mailed or faxed* to:

World Conformation Horse Association

9528 S Sooner Rd
Guthrie, OK 73044
Ph: 405-282-8142
Fax: 405-282-7807

- Questions should be addressed to the WCHA office by phone, fax or E-mail:

Phone: 405-282-8142

Fax: 405-282-7807

E-mail: info@conformationhorse.com

- The Judging and Education Committee will review each applicant's file and determine those individuals who will be invited to participate in the testing phase of the application process.
- You should expect to hear from the WCHA office no later than the second week of April regarding whether you will be invited to participate in the testing phase of the application process, scheduled to take place during the first part of August at the AQHA Youth World Show in Oklahoma City. The testing phase will consist of:
 - A written test
 - Live judging
 - Interviews
 - And oral reasons

A clinic/seminar will also be held as a part of the process on the day before the testing and will be confirmed upon notification to participate in the testing phase in early August.

- We expect to make our final Judges selection within 30-45 days of the Event in Oklahoma City and will contact each applicant who attends the Oklahoma City event. The number of Judges selected will be determined based on the number of applicants as well as the number of events we feel will be held during 2012.

Thank you for interest.

The WCHA Judging and Education Committee