



World Conformation Horse Association

Judges Application Form

Cover Sheet

Thank you for your interest in becoming an applicant to obtain your WCHA Judges Card. We are excited about what this Association has achieved in a short time for those of us in the Conformation/Halter industry. If you obtain your Card, you will become a part of an elite group who by judging to the WCHA Conformation Standard can influence our conformation horses for the future.

Much of the Association's success rests with our Judges and their ability to objectively judge and place our competitions against the 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 Association, continuously volunteering to help with association needs and acting as a Role Model as we work to transform the industry. As a WCHA Judge, you are held to a higher standard when judging and when in attendance at Equine Events. You represent WCHA and the face of the industry.

Application Components and Process:

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

The Applications Must Be Complete And Include:

- A signed copy of the Judges Code of Ethics
- A 3X5 color photograph of the applicant dressed as if Judging and event,
- Four (4) references from active WCHA Members (Judging and Education Committee members, Executive Committee Members, Executive Director and/or family members of applicant 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 everyone 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: 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 March 15. **Applicants are responsible for ensuring that those individuals submitting references on the applicant's behalf complete the reference form and the reference providers submit the references by the March 15th filing deadline.**

Forms may be mailed or e-mailed:

World Conformation Horse Association
235 St Andrews Drive
Calhoun, LA 71225

Phone: (480) 229-9767 or email: touchdownkid95@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact the WCHA office should you have questions or need assistance.

- The Judges 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 April 1, 2025 regarding whether you will be invited to participate in the testing phase of the application process, date and location to be determined.

The testing phase will consist of:

- A written test
 - Live judging
 - Interviews
 - Oral reasons
- We expect to make our final judges' selection within 30-45 days after testing and will contact each applicant who attends the Judges Testing. The number of Judges selected will be determined based on the number of applicants, credentials exemplifying the WCHA standards, as well as the number of events we feel need to be supported. For testing dates, please contact the office.

Thank you for your interest!

The WCHA Judges Committee



JUDGES APPLICATION FORM

Application Filing Deadline: March 15, 2025

(All required information must be received in the WCHA office by the Filing Deadline)

Applicant shall mail completed application form, including:

- Signed Code of Ethics
- 3X5 color photograph of applicant dressed as if Judging an Event
- Send application and filing fee to:

World Conformation Horse Association

235 St Andrews Drive

Calhoun, LA 71225

Questions may be addressed to WCHA

Phone: (480) 229-9767 or Email: touchdownkid95@gmail.com

Applications and supporting materials become the property of WCHA and will not be returned.

“Attach check made out to WCHA for \$100.00 and file with application”

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Mobile Telephone _____

Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth. _____ Social Security# _____

You must become a member of WCHA to complete your applicant status. Membership forms can be found or submitted on the WCHA web site at: <http://www.conformationhorse.com>

How long have you been a member of WCHA? _____

Are you a current member of WCHA in good standing? ____ If not,
why? _____

Have you read the current copy of Judges Guidelines and Qualifications ? _____

Do you agree to abide by the Judge's Guidelines and Qualifications if you become WCHA Specialized
Judges ? _____

Have you reviewed, agreed to, and signed the Judges Code of Ethics? _____

Do you agree to abide by Code Of Ethics? _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married/Single _____ Spouse's Name _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number(s) _____

Primary Occupation _____

Secondary Occupation _____

Employer(s)

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Contact Number _____

Education:

High School (including date of graduation, if graduated) _____

College/University (including major and date of graduation if graduated) _____

EQUINE RELATED INFORMATION

Have you earned at least **10 halter points** on a Western Stock Horse in the past 5 years? If yes, document halter points (name of horse(s), registration number, owner and contact information of owner) or, if no, demonstrate your experience in the Western Stock Horse industry over the last 5 years, including whether you have been active in the management, breeding, training, exhibiting or judging as well as any other relevant experience.

Do you own or have you owned any Western Stock "Halter" Horses (Document name, registration number and owner of at least one, if answer is yes?

Detail any other Western Stock Horse related experience not covered above, in particular, Halter horse related experience. _____

Are you a member of any local, state or National Western Stock Horse Breed Associations? _____

If so, provide name(s) of association(s): _____

Have you ever held an office or committee assignment in any of the associations? _____

If so, provide name and description of office: _____

Have you ever been suspended, placed on probation, denied membership, or had your membership terminated by any Equine related association? _____ If so, why _____

Do you currently hold, or have you held other Western Stock Horse related Judges' Cards, such as AQHA, APHA, ApHC, PtHA, PHBA, Buckskin, NSBA? ____ If yes, what Cards and for how long have you held them?

What Western Stock Horse Related Clinics and/or Seminars have you attended in the last five years?

Have you ever given up a Judges Card? ____ If yes, why? _____

Have you ever had your Judges Card suspended or taken away? ____ If so, why and was it reinstated?

Have you judged any major Western Stock Horse Events? If so, please list them and state the name of show, date and location where judged. _____

Please list the largest Western Stock Horse Equine Events you have judged, including name of show, date and location _____

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The undersigned hereby waives any right he/she may have to require disclosure to him/her by the Association of any information obtained to evaluate him/her as a prospective judge, agreeing that accuracy of information concerning the undersigned's character, reputation, and judging abilities is paramount to his disclosure rights, if any.

Printed Name Of Applicant _____



REFERENCE FORM

FOR JUDGE APPLICANT

Each applicant is responsible for printing and distributing Reference Forms and, ensuring they are returned to the WCHA office by the individuals providing references. The reference form should be distributed to:

- Four (3) currently active WCHA members

A total of four references must be provided. Family members, Judge's Committee members or Executive Committee may not be used as References (Committee members will be notified of same and will inform applicant of inability to participate in references if asked.)

Applications will not be considered complete unless all references are received by the application submission deadline of March 15th, 2025. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the individuals completing the reference submission process complete and submit the references in compliance with the March 15th deadline. References must be returned by the individuals completing the references via mail or email directly to the WCHA Office by the filing deadline of March 15th.

Send References Directly To:

World Conformation Horse Association
235 St Andrews Drive
Calhoun, LA 71225

Phone: (480) 229-9767 or email: touchdownkid95@gmail.com

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Current Active WCHA Member Providing Reference: _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

Do you feel the applicant has the knowledge and experience to be a WCHA Specialized Halter Judge?
Yes or No please explain why?

Name Of Applicant: _____ Submitted By: _____

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If accepted to test what value do you feel the applicant will bring to WCHA and its' membership if they obtain their Judges Card?

Is the applicant of good sound character, do they exhibit financial responsibility, and will they be a Role Model in upholding WCHA's Mission and Code of Conduct? _____

Is the applicant flexible and easy to work with? If no, explain why? _____

Have you ever known the applicant to be suspended from any equine related activity? If yes, explain circumstances as you know them. _____

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Have you ever observed the applicant to be out-of-line in their behavior relative to any equine business matters or events? If yes, explain the circumstances as best you know them? _____

Miscellaneous Comments _____

Do you recommend the Applicant to be a WCHA Judge? Your answer to this question is important part of the process and will not be shared with applicant. If yes, why? If not, why? _____

Printed Name of Person Providing Reference: _____

Signature Of Person Providing Reference: _____ Date: _____

Person Providing Reference must Be Current Member Of WCHA or a character reference.

(WCHA Executive Committee members, WCHA Judges Committees and Family members of the applicant are not eligible to provide a reference)