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MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE PHBA OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

1. Submit a completed application with references; preferably those who have seen you judge a horse show. References do not have to reside in the same state in which you reside. PHBA will send letters to your references. We suggest that you contact your references and urge them to return their evaluations as soon as possible.
2. Your relatives, the PHBA Judges Committee members, and PHBA employees are NOT eligible for use as a reference.
3. A full length picture of yourself (property of PHBA) in attire you would wear to judge a horse show.
4. Applicants must be a member and remain a member in good standing of PHBA during the entire application process. If you are not a PHBA member, please submit membership dues of $55.00 (non-refundable).
5. Submit a one-hundred-dollar ($100.00) Processing fee for the application (non-refundable).
6. Submit a photocopy of a birth certificate or driver's license. You must be twenty-five (25) years or older to apply.
7. An incomplete file cannot be presented to the Judges Committee for review.
8. Applicant's name appear in at least one issue of the Palomino Horse Magazine and/or the PHBA website in order to solicit comments from the membership
9. The Judges Committee will meet to review your application. The Committee may invite applicants to an applicant evaluation conference the following January. Afterwards, the Judges Committee will again review the applications and the results of the conference. The PHBA office will advise you of your results following the Committee's meeting at the National Convention.
10. Applicants holding judge status cards with other associations are requested to photocopy their card(s) or letter(s) of approval whichever has the most recent date.

PHBA RULE BOOK RULES REGARDING JUDGE APPLICANTS

2012. Applications for judging status must be properly completed and received by PHBA. If the following have not been fulfilled, Judges Committee review of the application may be delayed to a later meeting:

A. Current member of PHBA;

B. All required references have responded;

C. Applicant's name appear in at least one issue of the Palomino Horse Magazine and/or PHBA website in order to solicit comments from the membership;

D. Judges application fee. This fee is not refundable.

E. Photograph of applicant;

F. Photocopy of birth certificate or driver's license to verify the applicant is twenty-five (25) years at the time they attend the judge's applicant seminar;

G. Rulebook test completed;

H. Applicants must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age

2013. The PHBA Judges Committee will solicit references. Reference letters will be returned directly to PHBA.

2014. The Judges Committee shall annually select applicants to be invited to a judge evaluation clinic.

A. Any AQHA, APHA or ApHC judge may apply for a PHBA judges card as outlined in the Rulebook. They will be required to take a rulebook test on PHBA rules with passing score of 80% on 50 questions and participate in an oral interview; however they will not be required to attend PHBA applicant school.

2015. New judge applicants must attend a PHBA clinic, take a closed rulebook test on PHBA rules with a passing score of 80% on 50 questions, participate in an oral interview and attend video testing of certain classes.

A. If applicant fails to pass the written rulebook test they will be notified at time of testing.

2016. An applicant that does not receive PHBA judging status as a result of his/her application, may reapply after a minimum of two (2) years has elapsed.