

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS AN ARS APPRENTICE ROSE JUDGE**

Any person applying for designation as an Apprentice Rose Judge of the American Rose Society must:

1. Have been a member of the American Rose Society, either regular or joint, for thirty-six (36) consecutive months immediately preceding application.
2. Have personally grown roses in an outdoor garden or be engaged in their scientific culture.
3. Have intimate knowledge of the characteristics and the range of variability of at least 100 varieties of all classifications.
4. Know and follow the American Rose Society rules and technical requirements.
5. Be observant and careful in all details.
6. Be a person of high integrity and able to subjugate all personal likes, dislikes and biases.
7. Be able to substantiate decisions with concrete and specific reasons.
8. Be diplomatic, constructive, definite and understandingly assertive in adhering to rules and passing judgment.
9. Have successfully exhibited by winning at least two classes for which ARS certificate awards are available and five blue ribbons in at least five shows.
10. Have worked as a clerk with apprentice and accredited judges in a minimum of three rose shows.
11. Have satisfactorily completed an authorized American Rose Society Judging School and pass the examination.

One year must elapse following failure to qualify after completion of an authorized school before a member may re-apply.

### **PROCEDURES**

#### **APPRENTICE**

1. A person anticipating attending an authorized American Rose Society Judging School and taking the examination for appointment as an Apprentice Rose Judge shall complete an application and submit it to their District Chairman of Judges at least six weeks prior to the scheduled school date.
2. The District Chairman of Judges shall review the application and, if the applicant is considered qualified, forward it to the Secretary of the American Rose Society Judging Committee for verification of ARS membership.
3. The Secretary of the Judging Committee shall verify the persons ARS membership status and return the application to the District Chairman of Judges. If the applicant is found not to have been a member of the ARS for thirty-six (36) consecutive months, a letter to that effect will be sent to the applicant with an information copy to the District Chairman of Judges.
4. The District Chairman of Judges shall collect the proper fee from the applicants at the time of administration of the examination and forward it with the application and examination to the Chairman of the American Rose Society Judging Committee.
5. The Chairman of the Judging Committee shall review the examination and determine whether the applicant passed or failed, and forward the application with this information and the fee to the Secretary of the Judging Committee at ARS.
6. The Secretary of the Judging Committee shall inform the applicant by letter of the results of the examination. If the applicant has qualified for appointment as an Apprentice Rose Judge, they will be sent a Judges badge suspended with a red ribbon imprinted with "Apprentice Judge."