

Requirements for OAAS Qualified and Apprentice Judges



Definition of a Judge:

One appointed to make decisions at a competition or contest

One who is trained and has the prestige to make decisions acceptable to others

Personal Qualifications:

Needs desire, interest, knowledge and good common sense

Fair but flexible

Maintains a high standard of workmanship

Requirements of an OAAS Qualified Judge

1. Attended two (2) different OAAS Judging Schools on the subject of choice i.e. crafts, baking, quilts, vegetables, field crops etc
AND
2. Apprenticed in EACH category with three (3) different qualified Judges at no less than three (3) different Fairs, with hands on experience in helping to make decisions on the winners.
3. Knows the techniques used to produce the articles to be judged in Homecraft classes;
4. Follow the rules outlined in the “Homecraft Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs” and/or “Agriculture and Horticulture Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs”.

Maintaining your Qualifications

1. You must attend a Judging School every two to three years to maintain your skills, become familiar with any changes in the judging process and to learn about new techniques and classes.
2. District Directors will be responsible for recording your attendance at Judging Schools as well as including any new categories you may become qualified to judge.
3. Judges who wish to qualify in a new category must attend two (2) judging schools as well as apprentice with three (3) different Qualified Judges at no less than three (3) different Fairs in that new category.
4. Qualified Judges should be prepared to assist Apprentice Judges in gaining their required experience.
5. NOTE: It is the responsibility of the District Director to remove names of Judges who fail to take refresher courses. District Director should notify the judge of this change, update judges list and submit to the OAAS office.



How to Qualify as an OAAS Apprentice Judge

You need desire, interest, good common sense, be fair but flexible and maintain a high standard of workmanship.

1. Attend two (2) different OAAS Judging Schools on the subject of choice i.e. crafts, baking, quilts, vegetables, field crops etc.

AND

2. Apprentice in EACH category with three (3) different qualified Judges at no less than three (3) different Fairs, with hands on experience in helping to make decisions on the winners.
3. Never apprentice at your home fair.
4. Know or learn the techniques used to produce the articles to be judged in Homecraft classes;
5. Follow the rules outlined in the "*Homecraft Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs*" and/or "*Agriculture and Horticulture Judging Standards for Ontario Fairs*".
6. Must complete and forward the "*Apprentice Judge Form*" to District Director to be transferred to official Judges List.

It would be appreciated if Fairs and Qualified Judges allowed Apprentice Judges to apprentice with them at different fairs and under different categories.