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## Stock Horse Professional Application

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\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name

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Phone (preferred number to be listed on the website)

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Mailing Address

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Phone (this is a second number if needed)

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City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

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Zip

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Email address (if available)

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SHTX Member Number

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Expiration

### Mission and Expectations

#### **Stock Horse of Texas Vision: “Helping People Ride a Better Horse”**

#### **Stock Horse Professional Program:**

This program is designed to engage Stock Horse Professionals to promote the Stock Horse of Texas culture, values, and vision to the benefit of the SHTX members and fellow professionals, while helping fulfill SHTX’s mission of education by connecting the SHTX membership to qualified professionals.

#### **Benefits to Stock Horse Professionals**

- The SHTX Office will refer requests for training and lesson services to the Stock Horse Professionals web page.
- Your business listed on SHTX Resource Page including contact information, link to your website and geographic search support.
- Link for clinics you host on the SHTX Calendar.
- Provide a professional channel for input on SHTX initiatives for upcoming year and an opportunity to provide stewardship to SHTX organization.
- Opportunities for continuing professional development and education.

#### **Stock Horse Professional Membership:**

Membership as a Stock Horse Professional is a privilege, not a right, subject to continual review of the SHTX Executive Committee. Membership as a Stock Horse Professional may be terminated by the SHTX Executive Committee with or without notice and formal review.

By becoming a member of the Stock Horse Professional Program, the individual understands that the Stock Horse of Texas association, members and clients expect:

- A professional approach to training that encourages while being direct and clear on the training instruction, goals, objectives, and achievable results for the rider and/or horse for the members using the Stock Horse Professionals' services.
- A high standard of conduct. The standards of conduct include professional behavior (language, dress, treatment of clients, horses, cattle, etc.), straight forward business practices including discussions of rates/billing/payment, and maintenance of a safe and secure training environment at all times.

The member understands and agrees that SHTX has the right to investigate complaint(s) regarding a member's alleged conduct whether directly connected to a SHTX sponsored or endorsed event. Further, the member must cooperate in the investigation and abide by decisions concerning application approval and revocation of membership.

### **Stock Horse Professional Program Code of Conduct and Ethics**

We, the members of the Stock Horse of Texas Professional Program, in carrying out our role of providing services to the Stock Horse of Texas Association and its members, recognize the need to do so in a professional manner, and to deal with the public and our colleagues with the highest degree of integrity. Therefore, we have set forth the following creed which will govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations:

- To adhere to the professional standards of Stock Horse of Texas, and affiliated associations not limited to but including the National Reined Cow Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association and to work to further SHTX's goals and objectives.
- To show respect, courtesy, and decency towards fellow SHTX Professionals at all times by upholding the highest standards of professional ethics and mutual civility regardless of circumstances.
- To ensure that the welfare of the animals (e.g., horses, cattle) is paramount and that all animals will at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
- To conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity and accuracy in an open and forthright manner.
- To act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, other professionals and the public.
- To handle our business, operations and communications (including those through social media) in a manner that promotes the positive image of SHTX.
- To instill confidence among clients and the public in the horse industry, avoiding any action conducive to discrediting it or the membership Stock Horse of Texas Association.
- To create a supportive culture that builds and maintains a collaborative relationship with all SHTX Professionals. Exercising discretion and professional judgement to support the SHTX culture, SHTX rules, and facility requirements.

## Program Requirements

Must meet 2 of the following:

1. Must have shown or coached clients at a minimum of five SHTX sponsored shows in the previous two years.
2. Must have conducted a SHTX clinic in the previous three years (at a show or as a stand-alone)
3. Judged one or more SHTX sponsored shows in the last three years.

Must also:

4. Be a current member of Stock Horse of Texas
5. Be in good standing with other equine associations, including but not limited to SHTX, AQHA, NRCHA and abide by the Stock Horse Professional Code of Conduct and Ethics.
6. If renewing, must be current on Stock Horse Professional membership dues.

### Training and Services you provide:

| Type              | Y/N | Type                  | Y/N | Type                        | Y/N | Type                                 | Y/N |
|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Youth Rider       |     | Entry Level Rider     |     | Ltd NP / Non Pro            |     | Open Rider                           |     |
| Reining           |     | Cow Work              |     | Cattle On-Site              |     | Cutting                              |     |
| Trail             |     | Ranch Riding          |     | Versatility Ranch           |     | Conformation                         |     |
| Roping            |     | Conditioning for sale |     | Boarding                    |     | "Problem" Horses                     |     |
| Stallion Services |     | Colt Starting         |     | Mare care /Foaling services |     | Assistance in Horse / Rider matching |     |

### Focus and Background of your Equine Business:

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| Horse Training, Open Competition, Lessons?                        |  |
| Do you train horses for the public?                               |  |
| How Long has your business been operational?                      |  |
| Do you Provide Instruction/Lessons?                               |  |
| Do you give clinics?                                              |  |
| Who have you apprenticed for in your Horsemanship journey?        |  |
| Do you hold a judges card(s) and if so, which associations, etc.? |  |

Are you a member of a AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeders program? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you a member of a Trainer/Instructor Certification Program? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please list the program(s): \_\_\_\_\_

List the SHTX shows you competed in last 2 years (Dates/Locations)

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List any SHTX-sponsored clinics you have taught at in the last 3 years (date/location):

**Background Check Information (At application and updated every three years):**

*Full legal name, birthdate, driver's license number & state*

Please mark below the Professional Horsemen membership you wish to obtain:

\_\_\_ 1-year membership \$100      \_\_\_ 3-year membership \$250

By signing this application, I certify the information to be correct. I agree to be bound by the rules of this application and the Code of Ethics of the Stock Horse Professional Program. I understand that in order to participate in this program, I must maintain a continuous individual membership with SHTX.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STHX Board Review Comments:**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_