



HITS | University

FAQs

Thank you for your interest in HITS University's Apprenticeship Program. We have limited availability and therefore appreciate your patience in completing an application to help us select appropriate candidates for our program. We look forward to reviewing your application and potentially welcoming you to our team of apprentices.

Overview

Our sport is a community of exhibitors, trainers, families, sponsors, barn staff, and horse show staff. High quality, qualified licensed officials are the backbone of each day of competition.

HITS LLC is proud to announce the inception of "HITS University" or "HITS U," an educational endeavor through which we will seek to help aspiring officials achieve the next level in judging, course design, and stewardship. We will start with a pilot program in 2024-2025, and we look forward to collaborating with USEF and USHJA to build a pipeline of qualified, expert licensed officials.

Objective

Build the pipeline of high-quality licensed officials by creating pilot program to help a select group of judges, course designers, stewards, and schooling supervisors achieve their next level of licensing primarily through:

- Facilitating clinics, apprenticeships, and judging opportunities.
- Helping candidates with expenses through discounted room rates & free lunch onsite.
- Creating annual \$1000 grant for a qualified individual to pursue their licensing.

Strategy:

- Continue judging clinics in Ocala and Chicago
- Help with apprenticeship requirements:
 - Provide judge, course designer, steward, and schooling supervisor apprenticeship opportunities for selected candidates.
 - HITS to organize judges, course designers, stewards, and schooling supervisors who are willing to have an apprentice and will organize scheduling.
 - HITS can accept 2 apprentices per week at large venues with more limited availability at smaller venues.
 - Help 'r' judges get their required judging requirements by hiring them to judge appropriate rings on certain days at venues where HITS has the appropriate rings and staff.
 - HITS will implement application process to ensure candidates are highly qualified.

Have questions? Contact us at HitsU@hitsshows.com