THE CAT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Judging Program Rules – Section II)
Judging Program Initial Application Guide for Unlicensed Individuals Applying to the CFA Judging Program

Name: _____
(Return with application; copy for personal records if desired)

This guide is provided to assist you in the proper and complete preparation and submission of your Judging Program Application. Please **READ THE JUDGING PROGRAM RULES** and follow these guidelines carefully, as incomplete applications will be returned upon receipt.

A **COMPLETE** application package consisting of Sections A and B must be sent to the Judging Program Applications Administrator (JPAA). All applicants to the Judging Program must be pre-noticed on the CFA Website (Online Almanac and CFA Newsletter). You must submit your application on or before the **DEADLINE DATE(S);** timetables may be found on the CFA JUDGING PROGRAM web site.

It is recommended you purchase two three-ring binders (one for submission, one for your records) to display the necessary certificates, resumes and other paperwork required to complete your application.

Section A – The following must be included in your package:

☐ **Pages 1-2**: One copy of your application. (If applying for double specialty, all requirements for both specialties must have been met at time of submission).

☐ **Page 3**: A recent color photo of yourself and a check for the current application fee of $200.

☐ **Page 4**: One copy of your current Master Clerk License.

☐ **Page 5**: CFA Cattery registration certificate for seven (7) years breeding experience (within ten (10) years immediately prior to applying.

☐ **Page 6**: Club membership verification, indicating five years of active, continuous membership, which must be signed by the club President and Secretary. If you currently hold one of these offices, another club officer must sign.

☐ **Page 7**: Club Activities Resume (titled at top). List the year, the name of the club and the office or assignment that you provided for the club or show.

☐ **Pages 8-9**: Requirements Scorecard (Sections A and B). Section A includes the names and registration numbers of ten (10) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers exhibited by you in the appropriate specialty. Six (6) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers are required to have been bred or co-bred by you. Section B requires a total of fifteen (15) points achieved by titles earned by cats/kittens bred AND/OR shown by you in the appropriate specialty. A scorecard comprised of Section A (indicating 10 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers) and Section B (indicating 15 point accumulation) will be completed and submitted with the initial application to the JPAA.
You must have a minimum of at least one (1) Regional Winner or National Breed Winner beyond Grand Champion/Grand Premier. There is no limit on the Grands used to make up the fifteen (15) points after the initial ten (10).

☐ **Page 10**: A litter registration certificate, proving that you bred your first litter, with your cattery name as prefix, at least seven (7) years prior to your date of application.

☐ **Page 11**: Exhibitor Resume (titled at top). This should include a detailed listing of your exhibiting experience in CFA from beginning to present time. (Name of cat, breed, title (if applicable), date of each show, city, and name of club must be included). Include a Custodial Ownership Form for each cat exhibited (See Judging Rules B. **Experience.** Item 3). *Longhair Applicants must exhibit and experience two (2) additional body types; Shorthair Applicants must exhibit and experience three (3) additional body types.* ***Second Specialty Longhair Applicants must experience three (3) different breeds. Second Specialty Shorthair Applicants must experience four (4) different breeds.*** *1-2 photos of each breed required. The following should be Cattery Visitation Records. (Longhair Applicants must visit a minimum of five (5) catteries; Shorthair Applicants must visit a minimum of seven (7) catteries. 1-2 photos are required of each visitation.*

☐ **Page 12**: Date of attendance at a CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation School (within two (2) years).

☐ **Page 13**: Statement of why you want to be a CFA judge.

SECTION B - The following must be sent directly to the Judging Program Applications Administrator by the appropriate clubs and individuals to complete your application. Please leave spaces in your application package for these items to be placed.

☐ **Pages 14-15**: One copy of your application signed and sent by your Regional Director directly to the JPAA.

☐ **Pages 16-18**: Three CFA club recommendations, signed by the President and Secretary. If applicant currently holds one of these offices, another club officer must sign and be sent by a club officer directly to the JPAA.

☐ **Page 19:** Paperwork and Statement from the Allbreed Judge that your paperwork (marked catalog) was found error free (See Judging Program Rules **C. Additional Experience,** Item 3).

☐ **Pages 20-22**: Three letters of personal recommendation/character reference signed and sent by each individual directly to the JPAA.