

ADS/Minnesota Dahlia Society Judging Requirements

In order to become an **APPRENTICE JUDGE** a candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a member of the Minnesota Dahlia Society.
2. Must plan to grow and exhibit dahlias.
3. Must take the Basic Dahlia Judging Course, attending all sessions as required by the course instructor.
4. Must have received a closed book score of 75% or better on the Standard A.D.S. Judging Test.

A candidate who meets the requirements as outlined above will be qualified as an Apprentice Judge.

Candidates not achieving a score of 75% will be required to re-take the course, attending all sessions and re-take the test, achieving a score of 90% in an open book test before becoming qualified as an Apprentice Judge.

Apprentice Judges may judge any Class or Section in a regular show providing that the judging team includes a Senior Judge or an Accredited Judge. Apprentice Judges will not be eligible to judge Court of Honor entries for higher awards.

Apprentice Judges are urged to advance to accreditation within five (5) years. During this time the Apprentice Judge must continue to grow dahlias, exhibit in M.D.S. shows and meet the continuing education requirements for promotion to an Accredited Judge.

-(updated to include 6-2007 ADS published requirements)

MDS Basic Dahlia Judging Course

Course includes nine (9) sessions:

- 5 on the judging manual
- 1 on the Classification & Handbook Of Dahlias
- 2 Judging workshops
 - a. show table cut bloom (bench) scoring
 - b. trial garden judging (seedling) scoring—whole plant
- 1 examination (50% of mark; 10% on quizzes)

Class score counts on:

Attendance	10%
Workshops	30%
Exam & quizzes	60%