

## About the Guild...

On August 10, 1996 leading farriers from nine states came together to tackle the formidable task of forming the first organization *dedicated entirely to supporting and promoting farriery as a profession*, rather than a hobby, sport, or avocation.

It was decided that an organization for this purpose must be made up entirely of qualified, full-time, professional farriers. So the **Registered Journeyman Farrier™ (RJF™)** credential was made the Guild's minimum requirement for Membership. This means that **all** Guild Members will meet a standard above the highest certification level available elsewhere in the USA.

A membership composed entirely of qualified, professional farriers allows the Guild to open up new doors and serve its members in ways that no other American organization of farriers can match.

There are dozens of horseshoeing organizations in America to serve anyone and everyone who is interested in joining, **but only one** Guild created specifically for career professional farriers!

## Registered Journeyman Farrier™?

The RJF is the Guild's primary field credential, and denotes a fully qualified professional farrier. Only full-time farriers with at least four years field experience may apply for the RJF.

RJF Members with eight years of full-time field experience may begin the process to earn the **Registered Master Farrier™** credential, which is not available through any grandfather program.

The AFA CJF certification or any of the WCF credentials may be accepted in lieu of the Guild's RJF examinations if the applicant also meets the RJF four year experience requirement and is a full-time farrier.

Qualified farriers without the required previous journeyman credentials may achieve the RJF by passing the Guild's set of examinations.

**The written exam** may cover any **relevant** aspect of advanced farrier practice.

**The live shoeing exam** involves shoeing a horse with handmade shoes in a manner suited to the animal's type, use, and condition. Adequate time will be allowed to complete the work at a normal pace.

**The forge work exam** requires the applicant to produce a board of handmade or modified keg shoes with various features and functions to bring to the examination. He may be required to reproduce any one of the shoes at the time of examination. (A list of board requirements is available.)

## What's in it for me?

The Guild's annual dues includes a subscription to the **American Farriers Journal**, the country's leading farrier trade magazine, in publication since 1975.

Guild Members also receive a package of services from the Farrier & Hoofcare Resource Center, including a listing on the World Wide Web Farrier Finder.

You do not need to have a computer to benefit from this package.

A print copy of **The Guild Chronicle**, the organization's official publication, is free to Guild Members. Members are also allowed to join the Guild's members-only online mail group discussions.

Above all, the high membership standard allows the Guild leadership to honestly present our members to the horse owning public as fully qualified farriers. This makes Guild Registration the first and only actively supported national credential for professional farriers.

Having no substandard Registration levels or unregistered members means no complex explanations of different credentials to horse owners.

Look for Guild ads, press releases, and articles in major equestrian publications!

**Guild Member = Qualified Farrier.  
Period!**