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CHRB OFFERS STEWARDS EXAMINATION

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board is accepting applications for a stewards examination to develop a list of qualified candidates from which future California stewards can be selected.

The deadline for applications is February 8, 2005. It is anticipated that the written and qualification interview examinations will be conducted during March and April, 2005. The last time the CHRB offered this examination was in 1997.

Applicants cannot have a conviction for a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony. Additionally, they must possess at least one of the following qualifications:

- At least five years of experience in the pari-mutuel horse-racing industry as a licenses trainer, jockey, or driver;
- At least 10 years of experience in the California pari-mutuel industry as a licensed owner whose experience, knowledge, ability, and integrity relative to the industry are known to the Board;
- At least three years of experience as a licensed racing official, racing secretary, assistant racing secretary, or director of racing; or
- Experience in the horse-racing industry of a character and for a length of time sufficient, as determined by the Board, to qualify the person as having experience substantially equivalent to the experience described above.

Stewards are the supervising racing officials at licensed race meetings who make independent decisions on matters relating to the conduct of the race meet. They assure that the rules of racing are properly observed by all participants. Stewards have authority over all licensees and persons attendant upon horses, and they are empowered to summarily suspend the license of a racing participant and may bar from racing participation any unlicensed person who commits a racing offense.

Stewards are considered independent contractors. State civil service benefits are not provided to contractors. Salaries, by contractual agreement, range from \$197 to \$598 per day/night.

Applicants should be willing to work irregular hours and overtime in various locations throughout the state. They should possess tact, keenness of observation, and a good memory for horse-racing events, names, faces, and incidents. They should have a reputation for truth, honesty, and integrity, and be willing to participate in training programs. They must qualify for a fiduciary bond.

Desirable characteristics include experience as a steward in any recognized racing jurisdiction, completion of specialized courses in racing management, racing law, administrative law, political science, administrative agency practices, or other courses related to the racing industry. Bilingual fluencies in foreign languages also would be desirable.

The application will consist of a pass/fail written examination and qualification appraisal interview. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70 percent must be obtained on both the written examination and qualifying interview.

The examination will include questions on the rules and regulations of the CHRB and the California Horse Racing Law, practices and procedures of the horse-racing industry, principles of the administrative hearing process, and familiarity with drug-abuse enforcement practices.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate ability to analyze horse racing and wagering situations accurately, formulate judgments in a consistent and impartial manner, supervise and direct others in the performance of required racing officiating duties, conduct hearings and interviews effectively, write and speak effectively, and establish and maintain cooperative relations with representatives of racing organizations and associations.

Additional details can be obtained from the CHRB Website (<http://www.chrb.ca.gov>) or by calling (916) 263-6049.

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