

# MISSION FARRIER SCHOOL

## ADMISSION POLICY – ABILITY TO BENEFIT SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

PRINT YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Our goal is to try to determine that the training provided by Mission Farrier School has the ability to benefit you, as a student enrolled in our program. Please answer the following questions thoughtfully and honestly.

1. Do you have a conversational understanding of the English language? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
2. Do you have a High School Diploma, High School Equivalency or GED? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
3. A Diploma/GED is NOT required to enter this course, however the ability to Learn is a requirement. Do you have the ability to learn the anatomy of the horse, as well as other aspects of equine movement, and equine lamenesses? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
4. Are you able to read and write English well enough to take notes in class? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
5. Are you able to take written tests while in class? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
6. If you are not able to take written tests, are you able to take verbal tests? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
7. Are you able to see & communicate via verbal/sign language with horse owners? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
8. Are you able to understand verbal instruction and demonstration on the physical abilities required to be a farrier, i.e. forging, trimming, & nailing shoes? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
9. Are you aware of the physical nature of horseshoeing? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
10. Do you have any physical disabilities that would prevent you from shoeing horses? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
11. Do you think you can learn how to lift and hold  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the horse's weight (~250#) in your lap? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
12. Horses can be uncooperative. Are you willing and able to keep trying until the job is done? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
13. Do you have any physical challenge or learning disability that would keep you from having the manual dexterity necessary to run the tools of a farrier, i.e. nippers, rasp, knife, hammer and nails? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
14. If you do not know the answer to the above question, #13, do you think you have the ability to learn this skill? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
15. Do you understand that working with horses can be dangerous and that you may get hurt, meaning the possibility exists that you may get kicked, stepped on, bit, hit your thumb or other body parts with a hammer, get cut by a nail, knife, nippers, or rasp, or burn your hand(s) or other unforeseen accidents? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
16. Having answered the above question, do you believe that you have the aptitude necessary to shoe horses successfully on either a full or part-time basis? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
17. Horseshoeing is self-employment. Do you have the ability to get up and go to work each day? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
18. Do you have a personality that makes people want to hire you? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
19. Horseshoeing is a physically demanding occupation. Are you afraid of hard work? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
20. What sort of physical labor are you accustomed to: \_\_\_\_\_

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21. Have you seen horses being trimmed or shod? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
22. Do you have any previous experience working on horse's feet? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
23. Have you ever owned a horse? (Not a requirement) Yes\_\_ No\_\_
24. Have you ever ridden a horse? (Not a requirement). Yes\_\_ No\_\_
25. Horseshoeing is largely a "referral" occupation. Do you have a plan for attracting clients or gaining experience after school? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
26. Horses can frustrate even the best of us. Do you have an anger-control issue? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
27. No one wants to hire a drunk. Do you have an alcohol or drug abuse issue? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
28. No one wants to hire a foul-mouthed individual. Are you able to control your tongue and use appropriate language? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
29. No one wants to hire someone who stinks. Do you attempt to maintain reasonably clean personal hygiene? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
30. No one wants to hire someone with a chip on their shoulder, and horses will pick-up on this. Are you able to get along with others and get along with horses? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
31. The number 1 complaint we hear about farriers is that they do not operate their business in a professional manner and do not show up or return calls. Are you able to make appointments, return phone calls, and show up on time? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

31. What makes you believe you want to be a farrier? \_\_\_\_\_  
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32. Why do you want to come to Mission Farrier School? \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have given a lot of thought to the above questions, and have answered them honestly.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_