



## **American Wool Assurance**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Party Evaluators**

#### Purpose

American wool growers are proud to care for their sheep and the wool people wear. The American Wool Assurance (AWA) Standards provide confidence to the global marketplace that American wool is produced using high standards of care and handling. Second party Evaluators play an important role in assisting wool growers in demonstrating compliance with the AWA Standards.

#### Process

- Apply: Interested individuals complete the initial application below
- Screening: Applicants are screened by industry representatives
- Notification: Applicants are notified of their status
- Training:
  - AWA online courses
  - SSQA online course
  - Virtual or in-person sessions that include presentations, discussions, and role-playing.
- Exam: Complete a written exam with a passing score.
- Certification: Including a certificate and contact listing on the AWA website (restricted to members)
- Re-certification: Required every year by communicating with AWA/ASI staff and completing a reevaluation.

#### Qualifications

- Evaluators **must** have at least four years of experience and/or education in the sheep industry. Education can include animal science or relevant curriculum.
- Individuals **must** be able to perform basic email, internet, and computer functions.
- Individuals **must** be capable of effectively communicating with wool growers and AWA/ASI staff via in-person dialogue, email and phone.
- Physical requirements:
  - Walk, sit, stand, bend for up to 8 hours per day
  - Ability to see objects near and far
  - Communicate in English
- Evaluators **must not** have a conflict of interest.
  - Evaluators must not be an owner, employee or immediate family member in operations they evaluate.
  - Evaluators must support and value the AWA program and its affiliate (the American Sheep Industry Association) to the highest level.
- Evaluators **must** help implement the AWA program with the highest level of integrity.



## American Wool Assurance Evaluator Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in serving as an AWA Evaluator?

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Describe experience in the sheep industry:

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Describe education:

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Are you able to perform basic email, internet and computer functions?  Yes  No

Are you able to meet the physical requirements of an Evaluator?  Yes  No

Do you have a conflict of interest or negative outlook towards AWA or ASI?  Yes  No



Describe the value you see in the AWA program?

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Other information that you would like to share:

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Reference name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return completed application to:  
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