



**West Palm Beach Judging Center**  
of the  
**American Orchid Society**  
<http://www.wpbjc.org>  
**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each Month** starting at **2 pm**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday for November & December)

located at  
**Flamingo Gardens**  
3750 S Flamingo Road  
Davie, FL 33330

## WPBJC Student Apprenticeship Program Guidelines

The West Palm Beach Judging Center (WPBJC) invites those interested in becoming a Student Judge in this Center to participate in its Student Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to familiarize the potential student with the workings of the AOS, the AOS Judging system and, particularly, the judges and procedures of the West Palm Beach Judging Center.

This program is considered **mandatory for a minimum period of 6 months** and new Student Judges (other than those transferring from another Center or former Judges re-entering the program) will be required to serve in this capacity.

The maximum period for a Student Apprenticeship is 2 years.

Student Apprentices are considered "Affiliates", not members of the Judging Center Committee, and may join or resign from the program at any time without prejudice. However, if an Apprentice serves two years without acceptance as a Student Judge they may not re-enter the Apprenticeship Program.

### **Requirements for each 6-month period served are:**

- A firm commitment to apply for acceptance as Student Judge at the next opportunity, generally July of each calendar year
- Service as a clerk at a Center-affiliated orchid show (once per 6 month period)
- Attendance at monthly Center Judging meetings (four times per 6 month period)
- Service as clerk at a monthly Center Judging (once per 6 months)

Student Apprentices are required to keep a record of the dates and locations at which they filled the various requirements.

This record must accompany their Student Application and be presented to the Training Coordinator prior to taking the Student Entrance Test.

Questions on the Student Apprenticeship program should be referred to the WPBJC Training Coordinator.



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