

# Annual National Youth Awards

Since 1969, the American Milking Shorthorn Society has conducted a National Youth Program consisting of the following achievement and performance contests. States are not limited to the number of junior applicants. All qualified juniors with current dues paid are encouraged to apply. Juniors may enter more than one contest per year and can only win a contest once (with exception of Milk Production Awards). Entry blanks are available on the [www.milkingshorthorn.com](http://www.milkingshorthorn.com) website or by contacting the National Office for entry blanks: AMSS, 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI 53511. Phone: 608.365.3332

## American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society Interview Scorecard

Participation in AMSJA or state Junior Association	50pts
Application	25pts
Interview (must be present to receive points)	25pts
Knowledge of dairy industry and AMSS	15pts
Extracurricular activities	15pts
Personal appearance	10pts
Personality	10pts
Total	150pts

## Junior Outstanding Progressive Breeder Awards

(Two presented, one in Jr. and Sr. Divisions)

1. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of a state Junior Milking Shorthorn Association, if there is one in his/ her state; and be a paid junior member of the American Milking Shorthorn Association.
2. A candidate must be between the ages of 9 and 14 for the Jr. Division or from 15 to 21 for the Sr. Division as of January 1st and must have carried a Milking Shorthorn project at least one year.
3. A committee of three judges selected by the state hosting the National Convention will interview the candidates.
4. Candidates will be interviewed at the National Convention.
5. Applicants must be present to interview.
6. Recipients of the award will receive a \$200 scholarship from AMSJS. A completed application for the contest must be submitted no later than **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> of current year** to AMSS at the address above.



## Rachel Surridge National Youth Contest

1. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of a state Junior Milking Shorthorn Association, if there is one in his/ her state; and be a paid junior member of the American Milking Shorthorn Association.
2. A candidate must be at least entering their junior year of high school.
3. A committee of three judges selected by the state hosting the National Convention will interview the candidates. The interview and application will be judged on participation in the home farm operation, knowledge of the Milking Shorthorn breed, leadership in AMSS Junior Society and active participation outside youth activities and preparation for the future.
4. Applicants must be present to interview.
5. Recipients of the award will receive a \$500 scholarship from AMSJS. A completed application for the contest must be submitted no later than **MAY 15<sup>th</sup> of current year** to the AMSS at the address above.

## Junior Milk Production Award Rules

1. Copy of official DHIA record must be submitted with entry to the National Office by **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> of current year**.
2. Cow must have been owned by participant prior to start of record.
3. Open to any paid AMSS Junior Member.
4. Juniors may enter as many of these classes for which they have a qualifying animal.
5. Awards will be presented in the following categories: (All requirements in actual pounds)

### 10 Years & Over

19,500 milk, 670 fat or 615 protein

#### **Mature cows**

20,500 milk, 720 fat or 630 protein

#### **Sr. 4-Year-Olds**

19,250 milk, 680 fat or 600 protein

#### **Jr. 4-Year-Olds**

19,000 milk, 675 fat or 595 protein

#### **Sr. 3-Year-Olds**

18,250 milk, 640 fat or 560 protein

#### **Jr. 3-Year-Olds**

18,000 milk, 635 fat or 560 protein

#### **Sr.2-Year-Olds**

16,750 milk, 600 fat or 530 protein

#### **Jr. 2-Year-Olds**

16,000 milk, 570 fat or 510 protein

#### **Yearlings**

15,500 milk, 550 fat or 490 protein

### Genetic Expansion Requirements

#### **Mature Cows**

23,000 milk, 800 fat or 700 protein

#### **4-Year-Olds**

22,000 milk, 750 fat or 690 protein

#### **3-Year-Olds**

21,250 milk, 750 fat or 650 protein

#### **2-Year-Olds**

18,750 milk, 660 fat or 600 protein

#### **Yearlings**

17,000 milk, 640 fat or 560 protein

## **Cindy Climer & Jim King Memorial Scholarship Program**

All AMSS junior members who meet the one of the following qualifications are encouraged to apply:

- Seniors in high school who have been accepted to either a four-year college, one or two year technical school or short course (MUST SUBMIT LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE)
- Students currently enrolled in a four-year college, one or two year technical school or short course (MUST INCLUDE A CURRENT CLASS SCHEDULE)

**Several scholarships** will be awarded and will range from \$100 to \$500 to eligible recipients. Students majoring in agricultural degrees are given highest consideration. Non-agricultural majors that plan to contribute to agriculture (through the AMSS or AMSJS for example) will also be given consideration. A maximum of \$1500 will be awarded each year by the AMSJS.

### **Eligibility for Scholarships**

Applicant must be a member of the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society at the time of application.

- Applicant must meet one of the qualifications listed above.
- Applicants **need not** be present at the AMSS National Convention in the current year. Scholarships will be rated based on application only – no interviews.
- Scholarships administered by the AMSJS Scholarship Committee will be capped at \$500 per scholarship recipient. Previous winners who were awarded less than the \$500 can apply again.

### **Please mail completed applications to:**

American Milking Shorthorn Society, 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI 53511  
Entries must be postmarked by **May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.**

## Queen Contest

1. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of a state Junior Milking Shorthorn Association, if there is one in her state; and be a paid junior member of the American Milking Shorthorn Association.
2. Candidate must be single and between the ages of 16 and 21.
3. Each candidate must enter on an official entry blank, signed by her parent or guardian.
4. Each candidate is responsible for her own expenses in connection with the contest.
5. The winner will be announced at the banquet and a crown and sash will be furnished by the AMSJS.
6. Upon winning the Queen will have the opportunity to represent the breed at the events listed below and will be reimbursed \$100 for each event.
  - a. It is encouraged that the Queen attend either the Eastern National (All-American) in Harrisburg, PA or the Northeastern National (Big E), Springfield, MA.
  - b. Also (on a three-year trial period 2016-2019) the Western National at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, WA.
  - c. International Show in Madison, WI.
  - d. Winter National Show (NAILE) in Louisville, KY.
  - e. National Convention of the following year.
  - f. The Queen is responsible for all traveling expenses including airfare, gas, rental cars and meals.
  - g. The Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship from the junior society.
7. A committee of three or more judges (along with reigning Queen) will be selected by the state hosting the National Convention along with the junior advisors. Examples for judges include: current AMSS Board members; attending Milking Shorthorn breeders; local agricultural business personnel; and local extension employees. Candidates will be judged on poise, personal appearance, general intelligence, speaking ability, knowledge and experience with Milking Shorthorns and general dairy industry knowledge.
8. The Queen should represent her title at every Milking Shorthorn event she attends and shall be trained and ready to exhibit her knowledge of the Milking Shorthorn breed and the industry to media and speaking opportunities that may arise throughout the year.
9. A completed application for the contest must be submitted no later than **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> of current year** to AMSS at the above address.

## Junior Australian Exchange Program Rules & Application

Each candidate must be in good standing of a state Junior Milking Shorthorn Breeder's Association, if there is one in their state; and be an active junior member of the American Milking Shorthorn Society for a minimum of 2 years. Active includes entering in national and/or local competitions, attending meetings, attending conventions, and being active in meetings and fundraisers.

1. A candidate must be single and between the ages of 18 and 21 when they apply. Thus being able to attend when they are 22.
2. Each candidate must enter on an official entry blank, signed by his or her parent or guardian.
3. Each candidate is responsible for his or her own expenses in connection with the contest.
4. Each candidate must sign a [behavior contract](#). This contract will be explained in detail by junior officers prior to being interviewed.
5. Upon winning, the exchange student is expected to provide the following information during and after the trip:
  - a) Maintain a daily journal of activities while abroad
  - b) Submit an article for the Junior page of the Milking Shorthorn Journal upon your return.
  - c) Take pictures while abroad
  - d) Present a PowerPoint presentation during the following year's National Shorthorn Convention to the membership.
  - e) Prepare a photo album for the Milking Shorthorn booth at World Dairy Expo to be on display and visit with attendees about the trip if possible.
6. A committee of three or more judges (along with a past exchange program winner) will be selected by the state hosting the National Convention and the junior advisors. Examples for judges include: current AMSS Board Members; attending Milking Shorthorn breeders; local agricultural business personnel; and local extension employees.
  - a) These interviews will be conducted at the National Convention.
  - b) Applicant must be present to interview.
  - c) Candidates are judged on maturity, poise, personal appearance, general intelligence, speaking ability, knowledge and experience with Milking Shorthorns and general dairy industry knowledge. The winner will be announced at the banquet.
  - d) The trip will be approximately a month in length. The month of the trip is flexible depending on the candidate.
7. The AMSJS will pay \$1,500 towards the airline transportation. The decision to send a junior member to Australia will be left up to the judges' discretion. A completed application for the program must be postmarked by **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> of the current year** submitted to:

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