

## Milking Shorthorn Junior Australian Exchange Program Application Form

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 Junior 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  
Allowed to submit pictures on the AMSJS social media page on Facebook
  - b. Submit an article for the Junior page of the "The Angle" and the Illawarra's publication "The Yearbook" upon your return **NO later than October 1<sup>st</sup>**.
  - c. Take pictures while abroad
  - d. Present a PowerPoint presentation during the following year's national convention to the membership.
  - e. Prepare a photo album for the American Milking Shorthorn Society 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.
  - . These interviews will be conducted at the National Convention.
    - a. Applicant must be present to interview.
    - b. 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.
    - c. The trip will be approximately a month in length. The month of the trip is flexible depending on the candidate.
7. Must attend the exchange within 12-15 months after being awarded the trip.
8. 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.
9. A completed application and signed behavior contract for the program must be postmarked by **MAY 15TH of the current year** submitted to:

American Milking Shorthorn Society  
800 Pleasant Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

## **Application for Australian Exchange Program**

### **MUST SUBMIT A PROFESSIONAL RESUME**

In your own words, write as much as you feel necessary in response to the following questions: (include on a separate sheet of paper)

1. List your national, state, and local involvement within the Milking Shorthorn Junior Society.
  - a. Emphasis put on involvement on your National Junior Activities
2. Explain how you have benefited from your experience with Milking Shorthorns.
3. Explain why you would like to travel as an exchange student to Australia and what do you feel you could learn from this experience.
4. Explain your responsibilities on your operation.
5. What are your future plans?
6. Where do you feel the future of the dairy industry is headed?
7. Summarize your extra-curricular activities outside the Milking Shorthorn Breed.
8. Include signed behavior contract form (Jr. Officer will sign at convention)