

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 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

Eligibility and Rules

1. Junior Progressive Breeder Award can be awarded to two deserving youth at the National Convention.
2. 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 Junior Society.
3. A candidate must be between the ages of 9 and 21 as of January 1st and must have carried a Milking Shorthorn project at least one year.
4. A committee of three judges selected by the state hosting the National Convention will interview the candidates.
5. Candidates will be interviewed at the National Convention.
6. Applicants must be present to interview.
7. Recipients of the award will receive an award from AMSJS. A completed application for the contest must be submitted no later than MAY 15TH of current year to AMSS at 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.



Rachel Surridge National Youth Contest

This national youth scholarship is in honor and memory of a past national office manager-Rachel Surridge. She worked at the national office many years when it was in Springfield, Missouri. Rachel treated the American Milking Shorthorn Society as family, along with being very respectful and courteous to all Milking Shorthorn breeders.

This is the highest honor a Milking Shorthorn Youth can achieve. This award is based on well-rounded experience in leadership and breed activities.

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 Junior Society.
2. Any youth between the age of 16-21 successfully completing project work in the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society is eligible to participate in the Rachel Surridge Leadership Award.
3. Each year the applications will be sent to a judging committee and each contestant will appear before three judges for a 20-minute interview at the national convention. The winner will receive a \$750 scholarship from the AMSJS.
4. The application should be prepared carefully and neatly, typed in 12 font, double spaced and present a true easy to read story of the contestant and registered Milking Shorthorns he or she owns and has developed. Material should be accurate, complete, and records submitted truly.
5. A completed application for the contest must be submitted no later than **MAY 15th of the 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 15TH of current year.**
2. Cow must have been owned by participant prior to start of record.
3. Cow must have finished her qualifying lactation record by 12/31/18.
4. Open to any paid AMSS Junior Member.
5. Juniors may enter as many of these classes for which they have a qualifying animal.
6. Awards will be presented in the following categories: (All requirements in actual pounds)

<u>Full Herdbook</u>	<u>Genetic Expansion</u>
<u>Yearlings</u> 15,675 milk, 558 fat, or 492 protein	<u>Yearlings</u> 18,568 milk, 647 fat, or 589 protein
<u>Junior 2 Year Olds</u> 16,046 milk, 570 fat, or 500 protein	<u>Junior 2 Year Olds</u> 18,921 milk, 661 fat, or 607 protein
<u>Senior 2 Year Olds</u> 16,949 milk, 606 fat, or 528 protein	<u>Senior 2 Year Olds</u> 19,418 milk, 690 fat, or 624 protein
<u>Junior 3 Year Olds</u> 18,184 milk, 633 fat, or 565 protein	<u>Junior 3 Year Olds</u> 21,278 milk, 750 fat, or 663 protein
<u>Senior 3 Year Olds</u> 18,427 milk, 641 fat, or 567 protein	<u>Senior 3 Year Olds</u> 22,091 milk, 765 fat, or 677 protein
<u>Junior 4 Year Olds</u> 19,485 milk, 684 fat, or 595 protein	<u>Junior 4 Year Olds</u> 22,195 milk, 765 fat, or 677 protein
<u>Senior 4 Year Olds</u> 19,366 milk, 688 fat, or 602 protein	<u>Senior 4 Year Olds</u> 22,776 milk, 804 fat, or 692 protein
<u>Mature Cows (5-9 Years Old)</u> 20,641 milk, 724 fat, or 630 protein	<u>Mature Cows (5+ Years Old)</u> 23,141 milk, 805 fat, or 707 protein
<u>10 Years Old & Older</u> 20,626 milk, 698 fat, or 615 protein	

Entry form can be found at www.milkingshorthorn.com on the Youth page.

Cindy Climer & Jim King Memorial Scholarship Program

Cindy Climer-Cindy Climer was a past American Milking Shorthorn Board member, Youth Committee Chair for the Junior Society, and American Milking Shorthorn “Citizen of the Year” 2012. Her life was short, but she always said, “There are some things you can control and others you can’t control. You deal with what matters and what comes your way to the best of your ability.”

Jim King-Jim King was a past American Milking Shorthorn Society President and served on the World Dairy Expo board of directors for nine years. Before King’s passing in 2012 he was named “Citizen of the Year” of the American Milking Shorthorn Society. This Quote by Oliver Wendell Homes reflects the way Jim lived his life. “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within is.”

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 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.

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 15th 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 his/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 15TH of current year** to AMSS at the above address.

Junior Australian Exchange Program Rules

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 Angle" and the Illawarra's publication "The Yearbook" upon your return no later than October 1st.
 - 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. 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. A completed application for the program must be postmarked by **MAY 15TH of the current year** submitted to:

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