

# Distinguished Junior Member Contest

**IF YOU ARE AGE 14-16 as of December 31, 2023:**

Use the National 2024 YOUNG DISTINGUISHED JUNIOR MEMBER (YDJM) APPLICATION available at

<https://www.holsteinusa.com/juniors/content/YDJM.html>

- **Entries must be postmarked on or before November 28, 2023.** Please mail to:  
Katie Lindsey  
PO Box 2  
Burlington Flats, NY 13315
- You must be a member of the NY State Junior Holstein Association.
- Finalists will be notified via e-mail by January 1, 2024. All finalists who attend the junior convention DJM breakfast will receive a \$25.00 check from the NYJHA.
- All state finalists will have a mock interview at the state convention, which is not scored. It is an opportunity to enhance your interview skills and receive comments from the panel of judges that will help you in future interviews.
- Up to four state finalists with the highest scoring books will have the opportunity to submit their book to the National contest. If chosen as a National finalist you will be expected to attend the National Junior Holstein Convention in June.
- Your book must present a true story of your work in the Junior Holstein Association. The book should be the work of you, the Junior member, only.
- **Please read and follow directions carefully for the 14-16 year-old YDJM form.**
  - a. **Entries should be mailed to Katie Lindsey (DJM Coordinator) for the state level contest. Please disregard the parts that talk about submitting items to the National Holstein Office/Kelli Dunklee – this is for the national level ONLY.**
- Your book should reflect your personality, but also be professional. The cover is the judge's first impression!
  - a. Cover: You should include your name and New York. You may also include your county/club name and photo(s). Nothing can protrude from the binder; it must fit in the plastic on the cover.
- It is very important to carefully read through and edit your story, personal views, and other text for errors. You should edit for spelling, punctuation, and grammar. It is highly recommended to have someone qualified read through your book before you submit it.
- Use the YDJM Scorecard to help you and guide you. This is how your book will be scored!
- Please reach out to Katie Lindsey (518-727-0852 or [kid82@cornell.edu](mailto:kid82@cornell.edu)) with any questions.
- **BOTTOM LINE: Follow the 2024 YDJM National Application and use the YDJM National Application Scorecard to help you!**