

## Distinguished Junior Member Contest

### **IF YOU ARE AGE 13 OR UNDER** as of December 31, 2018:

Age groups: (All ages as of December 31, 2018)

10 & Under

11-13 Years of Age

The Distinguished Junior Member contest is an excellent record keeping system. Please keep in mind that it is a management record book, not a scrapbook. It is much easier each year if the book is started when the Junior is young, but all are welcome and encouraged to participate. DJM books provide a real source of information for future forms and applications that is very valuable. Members of the Junior Advisory Committee and past DJM winners are a great reference in preparing your book. Please don't hesitate to ask for help or call the office with questions!

#### **• Entries must be postmarked on or before November 9, 2018.**

- You must be a member of the NY State Junior Holstein Association.
- Finalists will be notified via mail in early December. All finalists who attend the junior convention DJM breakfast will receive a \$15.00 check from the NYJHA.
- The DJM book should be prepared carefully, neatly typed or hand printed.
- 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.
- Include only information and materials requested; do not add filler materials.
- Use 12-point font, double spacing, and 1-inch margins on question & story pages.
- The same, easy to read font should be used throughout the entire entry.
- Each sheet should be in a protective page cover (non-glare preferred).
- Divider pages are not necessary but acceptable with no points awarded or subtracted. If you use divider tabs, please seal ends so tab inserts do not get lost.
- You are scored 95% on content and 5% on neatness.

#### **• Organize your book in the following order: (Use this as a check-list to make sure everything is included)**

**A.** Personal Summary Page – make sure a wallet size picture is included and your form is checked for your correct age group.

**B.** Story of Junior Holstein Work-maximum 3 pages

**C.** Activity Page(s) Maximum of 5 pages

- Be concise. List by year, from most recent year to your first year of Jr. Holstein work.
- This section does not have to be double spaced.
- Highlight your career thus far as a Junior Holstein member. Include shows, achievements, awards and leadership positions held.
- Include school and community activities. This should include all types of projects and activities such as 4-H, FFA, school, church and community. List activities with other livestock or other dairy breeds here.

- Try to keep it easy to read for the judges.

An example format:

## Summary of Activities and Projects

2018

### Junior Holstein Activities

#### **National Junior Holstein Association**

- Attended National Convention in City, State

#### **New York Junior Holstein Association**

- Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the speaking contest
- Participated in Quiz Bowl, team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Wyoming County Junior Association**

- President

### High School

- Honor roll
- Member of Junior Varsity Basketball team, served as Co-captain

## D. Herd Inventory

- You may use provided template or create your own with all information needed.
- Be realistic in estimating a value for animals. Example: use price bought at recent sale in your area for animal of similar pedigree.
- Inventory or Registered Holsteins owned should be no more than three pages in length. List animals in your ownership in a neat and concise fashion, including name, registration number, date of birth, sire, dam, classification score (if applicable) and estimated value. Also, include any applicable production information or awards animals have received. Leased and partnership animals should be listed under a separate heading. If applicant wishes to include animals they have owned but are no longer in the herd, or animals of other breeds they own, those should also be listed under separate headings.

## E. Performance & Information

Include current Official Holstein Pedigrees (less than one year old) for at least one and up to three of your animals. A photo of the animal should be included on a separate page, immediately following the animal's pedigree. Photos of animals do not have to be professional.

Leased project animals may be used.

Each animal management record to consist of:

- Official, current pedigree (official 3-generation pedigrees are available from Holstein USA at \$4.00 when Junior member states that pedigree is for Jr. forms. Farms on Holstein USA Complete Program can get free pedigrees off the computer)
- Cow picture. A good candid photo of complete animal is acceptable. Professional photos not necessary.

## F. Vaccination and Animal Health Protocols-

Vaccination and Health Protocols should be single-spaced and no more than one page in length. Please summarize the health protocols for your herd, including any of the following: calfhood vaccinations, dehorning, tagging/identifying, vet checks, hoof trimming, breeding, calving treatments, etc.

## G. Photo/Clipping Pages

Limited to two pages, front side only. Please label all pictures with short, descriptive, clearly written (preferably typed) captions

## H. Question Pages:

**Answer all questions for your age division listed below.** Each question must be answered on its own sheet of paper, with the question typed at the top of each page.

- Please treat your responses as 1-page essays, and organize them appropriately. The structure and composition of your response is nearly as important as the content, as it influences the reader's ability to understand the message you're trying to convey. It's important to support your viewpoint with factual information. Do all the research you want, but be sure your essays are your work. It's a VERY good idea to have someone proofread your essays to check for spelling and grammar.

### **10 years and under:**

1. What is your favorite job on the farm and why?
2. Create a "Holstein" themed flavor of ice cream, include a name, what you would package it in, and what ingredients you would use to make it unique.
3. If you could spend a day with anyone in the dairy industry who would it be and why?

### **11-13 year olds:**

1. If you had \$2,500 to buy a registered Holstein calf, either at a sale or privately what would you look for in an animal to buy?
2. What is your dream job in the dairy industry and what can you do to reach that goal?
3. You have 5 minutes at your county fair to talk to a non-farm consumer, tell them 3 things you do on your farm to care for your animals.

## I. Covers

We recommend a hard cover, 3 ring notebook be used. **IMPORTANT**-only plain covers will be allowed. Applicant's name, age group and county should be affixed to the front cover. Cover should be neat and professional – it's the judge's 1<sup>st</sup> impression!

## J. Two (2) References using included form.