

Distinguished Junior Member Contest

IF YOU ARE AGE 13 OR UNDER as of December 31, 2017:

Age groups: (All ages as of December 31, 2017)

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 10, 2017.

- 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 checklist 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 (Does not need to be on actual form.)
 - 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

2017

JUNIOR HOLSTEIN ACTIVITIES

National Junior Holstein Association

- Attended National Convention in City, State

New York Junior Holstein Association

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

Wyoming County Junior Association

- President

HIGH SCHOOL

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

D. Activity, Herd Index, Yearly Inventory and Summary Pages

- Used each year and updated for a continuous summary.

E. Inventory Page

Be realistic in estimating a value for animals. Example: use price brought at recent sale in your area for animal of similar pedigree.

F. Management Records

At least 1 animal, up to 3 animals. As stated on the cover page, if you only own one registered Holstein you may use other breeds, but use your Holsteins first.

Each animal (at least one must be Holstein) management record to consist of:

- Official, current pedigree (official 3-generation pedigrees are available from HFA at \$4.00 when Junior member states that pedigree is for Jr. forms. Farms on HFA Complete Program can get free pedigrees off the computer)
- Individual DHI cow computer page (calf page if not yet fresh)
- Official management form (HFA – DJM Form 3) Complete both sides.
- Optional – Cow picture. A good candid photo of complete animal is acceptable. Professional photos not necessary.
- Leased project animals can be used.

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.

QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL AGE BRACKETS:

10 years and under:

1. Tell a story about your favorite Holstein cow or calf?
2. What is your favorite dairy product and why, how do you get your friends to try it?
3. What is a Junior Holstein activity you haven't tried yet but would like to try in the future and why?

11-13 year olds:

1. Design a new dairy related contest for Junior Holstein Convention and explain why you think it would be fun and educational.
2. If you could spend a day working with a NY Dairy Farmer who would it be? Name three things you would want to do or learn.
3. Name an event or activity you could host in your community to promote dairy products or farming. What would you do at the event to make it unique and fun but also educational?

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 1st impression!

J. Signature page and reference names & phone numbers.