

Distinguished Junior Member Contest

IF YOU ARE AGE 14-16 as of December 31, 2017:

Use the National 2018 YOUNG DISTINGUISHED JUNIOR MEMBER (YDJM) APPLICATION available at www.holsteinusa.com

- **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.
- 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.
- The 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 Convention in June if possible.
- 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. There are several differences for this form vs. 13 & under.**
- Check the YDJM 2018 application at www.holsteinusa.com for guidance. Be sure to follow the guidelines for margins, font size, line spacing, etc. Call NYHA office with any questions.
- Your book should reflect your personality, but also be professional. The cover is the judge's first impression!
- 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 send it in to the office.
- Call the office with any questions.
- **BOTTOM LINE: Follow the 2018 YDJM National application to the letter!**