

# Ayrshire Youth Record Book Contest

## GUIDELINES FOR FILLING OUT THE NATIONAL AYRSHIRE YOUTH BOOK APPLICATION

*Beginner Division – 8 and under  
(Ages as of January 1, 2011)*

### IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS AND TIPS TO FOLLOW:

- ❖ To enter the contest, the applicant must be a National Junior Ayrshire Member or have their application submitted with the record book.
- ❖ The applicant must have at least one Ayrshire registered in their name or have the registration application submitted with the record book.
- ❖ The completed application must be placed in a standard 3-ring binder. The application should be neatly handwritten or typed. Pages can be 3-hole punched or in plastic page protectors.
- ❖ The entry must include two wallet-sized photos – one mounted on the title page (page 1) of your record book, and the other (not mounted to the application) to be used for the Ayrshire Digest. Photos of winners in each division, along with the other entrants in each age category, will be published in the Digest along with a short biography of the entrant.
- ❖ When writing your Ayrshire story, keep in mind that this section is how the judges get to know you and your Ayrshire background. Make sure that you proofread your story, and that the final copy is no longer than one double-spaced page.
- ❖ The entry must include one written letter of recommendation from any of the following: Officer of your state club, National Officer, National Director, 4-H Advisor, a County Ag Leader, or another individual other than a family member. Make sure that you contact your potential recommendation letter-writer early and often. This will assure that you will not miss the deadline because you are waiting on a recommendation, and people are more likely to write a more favorable recommendation when they are given enough time to do so.
- ❖ The photo pages are the “grand finale” of your book. You may include up to (but not more than) ten pictures, newspaper clippings, or other photos in your photo pages. Remember, captions may not exceed 50 words! Proof read this section thoroughly as well, and explain what is happening in each photo. Be creative with this section – let your personality show!
- ❖ Your completed application, in its binder, should be sent to the ABA Headquarters by the deadline of March 1 to be considered for national competition at the Annual Meeting.
- ❖ **Bonus section** (for 10 extra points) – Include a photo or drawing of one of your Ayrshires, and write a short story under the picture.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**Please comply with the DEADLINE DATE for submitting contest entries.**

**LATE ENTRIES will not be evaluated, so don't take a chance on missing out.**

**SEND ENTRIES EARLY AND BY THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> TO BE EVALUATED.**

***Good luck with your application!***

# Biography Page



\_\_\_\_\_

name

\_\_\_\_\_

age birthdate

\_\_\_\_\_

address

\_\_\_\_\_

city state zip code

\_\_\_\_\_

parents'/guardians' name

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\_\_\_\_\_

telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_

local newspaper

\_\_\_\_\_

newspaper address

Beginner Division Application

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ years of project work with Registered Ayrshires.

I have been a Junior Member of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

I presently own \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Ayrshires - \_\_\_\_\_ calves and heifers and \_\_\_\_\_ cows.

I am listed as the breeder of \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Ayrshires. \*

My animals are on DHIR [ ] DHI [ ] O/S [ ] Production Testing program. (check one)

Are you presently in school? \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupational goal? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\* If none, please attach explanation.

# Photo Pages

*This page and subsequent pages are to be used for your “scrapbook” of Ayrshire activities, awards, and other honors. Please remember that you cannot include more than 10 pictures, newspaper clippings, or other photos in your scrapbook, and that captions may not exceed 50 words.*

*You may start a new document for your photo pages; this page need not be used.*

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

*Your application, complete with letters of recommendation, your Ayrshire story, and your photo pages, must be received by the Ayrshire Breeders’ Association office no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*All completed entries will be on display at the National Ayrshire Convention. You may take them home after the convention, or they will be mailed back to you at the conclusion of the convention.*

## Order of Application:

Biography Page (10 points)

Letter of Recommendation (10 points)

Ayrshire Story (50 points)

Bonus Page – Photo/Drawing (Worth up to 10 additional points)

Photo Pages (30 points)