

Junior Ayrshire Youth Book Contest

GUIDELINES FOR FILLING OUT THE NATIONAL JUNIOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH CONTEST BOOK

Junior Division – 9 to 12 Years Old

1. Fill everything out as completely as possible
2. Write your “Story of Junior Ayrshire Work”. In this section of the book the judges really get to know you and your background. This section should consist of two to four neatly handwritten or typed, double spaced pages.
3. Recommendations – Make sure that you contact your two people early to write your recommendations. This will help you in two ways. One, it will assure you of not missing the deadline because you are waiting for a recommendation. And secondly, people are more likely to write a more favorable recommendation if they are given adequate time to do so.
4. Activities & Achievements – Abilities relating to leadership that have developed as a result of Junior Ayrshire Work – Almost anything can go in this section. You can explain how you have developed responsibility, how you learned to read bull proofs, how you learned animal selection, etc. The most important thing you should do in this section is to tell what you have learned or achieved by taking Ayrshires as projects. List every instance (what you feel are most important), where you have held an office or a committee appointment. List other school activities, community and church activities, or any other important activities. Also, list your champions, class winners, showmanship placings, or placings in judging or quiz bowl contests.
5. Scrapbook – This section is the “Grand Finale” of your book. Please include not more than twenty (20) pictures, newspaper clippings, and/or other materials in your scrapbook. **REMEMBER – captions may not exceed 50 words!** Be CREATIVE with this section. Let your personality show.

PREPARING AND ASSEMBLING MATERIAL FOR THE NATIONAL JUNIOR OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD CONTEST AND “BOOK CONTEST”

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1. All material must be included in a standard 10” X 12” ringed notebook. It should be neatly handwritten or typed.
2. **ELIGIBILITY** – A contestant must own one or more registered Ayrshire(s), must be a National Junior Member, and be 12 years of age or under on December 31 of the year preceding the contest.
3. The entry must include TWO (2) written “recommendations” from any of the following: Officer of your state club; National Officer; National Director; 4-H Leader; Vo-Ag/FFA Instructor; a County Ag Leader; or another individual other than a family member.
4. The entry must include TWO (2) Personal Photos (wallet sized preferred) – one will be used for the Ayrshire Digest and one should be mounted on the title page of your book, which is the first page.
5. Include “My Story of Junior Ayrshire Work” – which should consist of two to four typed pages. (Please double space).
6. All forms enclosed should be completed and included in the book in numerical order.
7. Scrapbook – Pictures of animals, homestead, etc. with a caption underneath may be included in your book. Captions may NOT exceed 50 words. This portion of the book should not exceed 20 pictures, newspaper clippings and/or other scrapbook materials. The completed book should be forwarded to the Ayrshire Breeders Association well in advance of the deadline date. (March 1)
8. All books must be sent to the ABA Headquarters by the DEADLINE of March 1 to be considered for national competition at the Annual Meeting.
9. The pictures of all entries received for the contest will be published in the Digest.
10. In addition to those selected to compete for the six finalist positions, the pictures of the winners in the other age groups will be published in the Digest with a short biography.
11. The Ayrshire Youth Fund will present a \$50.00 award to the winner of this contest.

NOTE: Please comply with the “**DEADLINE DATE**” for submitting contest entries. **LATE ENTRIES** may not be included, so don’t take a chance on missing out. **SEND ENTRIES EARLY AND/OR BY THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 1ST**

BIOGRAPHY PAGE

(Attach
Photo
Here)

(name)

(age)

(birthdate)

(mailing address)

(city) (state) (zip)

(parent or guardian)

(phone)

(local newspaper)

(newspaper address)

I have completed _____ years of project work with Registered Ayrshires.

I have been a Junior Member of the Ayrshire Breeders' Assn. for _____ years.

I presently own _____ Registered Ayrshires and have _____ in the Genetic Recovery Program.

I am listed as the breeder of _____ Registered Ayrshires. *

_____ of my Ayrshires are in milk.

My animals are on _____ Production Testing program. (DHIR, DHI, O/S)

Are you presently in school? _____

Where: _____

What is your occupational goal?

(Your Signature)

(Date)

* If none, please attach explanation.

Scrapbook

Please note: Page 8 & subsequent pages will include your 'scrapbook' of Ayrshire activities, awards, honors, etc. Please remember that you must not include more than 20 pictures, newspaper clippings and / or other materials in your scrapbook. Captions may not exceed 50 words.

Your scrapbook and completed application must be received in the Ayrshire Breeders' Association office no later than March 1st. The scrapbooks will be on display at the national convention. You may take them home after the convention or they will be mailed back to you after convention.

