

## Ohio Distinguished Junior Member

Open to any youth who is an Ohio Junior Holstein Association member in good standing. One winner will be selected to receive recognition, a personalized award, and a monetary prize. Applications and recommendation letters must be submitted via email to [oholstein@sssnet.com](mailto:oholstein@sssnet.com) by February 16<sup>th</sup>. This means the latest you can submit your materials is 11:59 PM EST on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be conducted at the Annual Meeting, and winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting Luncheon. Applicants will be contacted prior to the Annual Meeting to set up an interview time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of January 1st of year applying): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have been a member of the Ohio Holstein Association for \_\_\_\_\_ years and the Holstein Association USA for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Name of high school/college: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Place of employment if full time: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained in this application is correct and honest to the best of my knowledge:

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the enclosed application and find it correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contents of Application:

- A) Please include a **photograph/headshot** of applicant to be used in news releases.
- B) **1-2 letters of recommendation** to be written by non-family members. These can either be sent in by the applicant with the rest of the application or may be emailed to [oholstein@sssnet.com](mailto:oholstein@sssnet.com) by February 16<sup>th</sup> from the recommender themselves. (Note: Please have the recommender specify name of applicant they are supporting.)
- C) Local news outlet
  - a. Name of newspaper or local online news:  
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  - b. Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Email:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D) DJM Application
  - a. **INTRODUCTORY PAGE(S)**: This is an introduction to who you are. Emphasize your degree of involvement in your home farm operation or other dairy/ag operations including specific responsibilities. Other suggested topics include details of farm, acres, milking set-up, herd, feed, facilities, your current Junior Holstein involvement (local, state & national levels) and future plans. This should be double spaced and is encouraged to be more than one page.
  - b. **SUMMARY OF AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS**: Arrange in chronological order (most recent year first), no page limit, does not have to be double spaced.

Example:

Year	Type of Activities	Achievement/Award or Leadership Position
2020	Ohio Junior Holstein Association	Secretary

- c. **SUMMARY OF NON-AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS**: Arrange in chronological order (most recent year first), no page limit, does not have to be double spaced.

Example:

Year	Type of Activities	Achievement/Award or Leadership Position
2020	Any School	High School Marching Band – 1 <sup>st</sup> chair

- d. **KNOWLEDGE OF DAIRY & HOLSTEIN MANAGEMENT**: Discuss your current farm management practices. You can include a summary of registered Holsteins personally owned, how you obtain and develop your animals, your breeding program and philosophy as well as any additional management practices you have including calfhooood vaccinations, dehorning, tagging, vet checks, hoof trimming, calving, treatments, etc. This should be double spaced and there is no page limit.
- e. **PERSONAL VIEWS**: Choose **TWO** of the following questions to answer. Each response should be double spaced and between 1-2 pages.

- 1) What is the most impactful professional development or personal growth experience you've had and why? (i.e. formal education, workshops, leadership programs, field trips, etc.)
- 2) With the average herd size in the U.S. increasing each year, how do we maintain the relevance of Registered Holsteins and the products and services Holstein Association USA offers?
- 3) If you were able to be a food scientist for a day, what new dairy food or drink product would you invent and why?
- 4) What new practices, technologies, or other improvements would you implement on your farm next and why? What challenges and opportunities would it provide?

Judge's Scorecard:

	Points	Points
Junior member's participation and experiences/story of Junior Holstein work	25	_____
Participation, leadership/summary of ag. activities	20	_____
Participation, leadership/summary of non-ag activities	10	_____
Knowledge of management practices	20	_____
Personal views	20	_____
Neatness, accuracy, spelling, grammar, following instructions	5	_____

Judge's comments for applicant: