



# Jersey Youth Programs

*Investing in the future of the Jersey business through education and encouragement of young Jersey breeders*

# APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

*I apply for Junior Membership in the  
American Jersey Cattle Association.*

PLEASE PRINT

NAME (AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON CERTIFICATES)

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

YOUR BIRTHDATE

(AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

I am listed as Recorded Owner of this Jersey:

ANIMAL NAME  
REGISTRATION NUMBER

I agree to follow the terms, provisions, conditions and restrictions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the American Jersey Cattle Association. I understand there are no annual dues and that this membership will allow me to register Jerseys at member rates. I also understand that this junior membership automatically expires on December 31 of the year I reach my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

SIGNATURE OF JUNIOR MEMBER

Please send me a one-year subscription to *Jersey Journal*. Payment of \$30.00 is enclosed.

# Membership

If you are under the age of 21 and own at least one Registered Jersey™, you are invited to become a Junior Member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. To apply, complete the form in this brochure and mail it to the AJCA. There are no membership fees or dues.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

When you become a Junior Member, you become affiliated with the oldest dairy breed registry organization in the United States. The American Jersey Cattle Association was organized in 1868 to “improve and promote the Jersey breed.” It is today a worldwide leader among purebred registry organizations.

Membership entitles you to register the Jerseys you breed at regular membership rates. This saves you at least \$3 for every animal you register. It also qualifies you for participation in the national achievement, production and scholarship programs. You receive a membership card upon acceptance. Junior Membership expires on December 31 of the year in which you turn 21.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Activities that combine learning, fun and networking opportunities for Jersey youth are included in the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings held every June.

## JERSEY JOURNAL

The *Jersey Journal* is your source for timely information on breeding and managing Registered Jerseys™ plus reports of AJCA events and activities. A 12-month subscription to the magazine is just \$30 annually, or \$45 for both print and digital editions. In September, youth are showcased for their achievements and receive a discounted rate to advertise.

*For more information or to add your support  
for these programs, contact:*

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# National Youth Recognition

Each year, the American Jersey Cattle Association honors Junior Members who have achieved excellence through their work with Registered Jerseys™.

These awards are funded by the consignors and buyers in the annual National Heifer Sale. Ten percent of the selling price of each heifer sold is directed to the National Jersey Youth Program.

## Youth Achievement Contest

The National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest was created in 1957. It honors outstanding achievement by junior Jersey breeders in four areas: work with Registered Jerseys™, related dairy activities, relative progress, and future goals.

The state Jersey associations are responsible for selecting two nominees, who then complete the entry form and submit it by March 15 following the contest year. Nominees must be AJCA Junior Members, own at least one Registered Jersey™ and be at least 16 years of age, but not older than 20 on January 1 of the contest year.

Also, youth ranking second through tenth in the previous year's national contest are eligible to apply the next year, provided they still qualify based on age.

Cash awards of \$3,000 are presented each year to the top 10 juniors at the Junior Banquet in Louisville, Ky.

## Youth Production Contest

The National Jersey Youth Production Contest is open to all Jersey juniors in the United States and with awards given in each of the two divisions: (1) first lactation cows calving before reaching 30 months of age; and (2) all other cows.

Participants are eligible for an award in only one division. The 10 high-ranking cows in each division and the overall contest winner are recognized at the Junior Banquet.

- Only Registered Jerseys™ completing a lactation record in no more than 305 days between January 1 and December 31 of the contest year may be entered. Lactations must have a Data Collection Rating (DCR) of at least 90. On or before the cow's freshening date and through completion of the lactation, you must be listed as the Recorded Owner on the AJCA registration certificate, either (1) as the sole owner, or (2) by your name in joint ownership. If the joint ownership includes more than one junior eligible for this contest, the entry will be made in the names of the eligible junior co-owners.

Previous winners in the contest are not eligible.

- All entries must be submitted by cow's owner and received by the AJCA on or before March 1. Late entries will not be accepted.
- All records will be standardized on a 305-day 2x m.e. basis, then ranked by current USDA component values for Net Merit dollars.



## Scholarships

Over \$25,000 is offered annually through scholarships managed by the AJCA. They are funded from permanent endowments and are posted on the USJersey website. The deadline to apply is July 1.

- Jack C. Nisbet Scholarship
- V.L. Peterson Scholarship
- Paul L. Jackson Memorial Scholarship
- William A. Russell Memorial Scholarship
- Cedarcrest Farms Scholarship
  - Bob Toole Youth Award
- AJCA Directors' Scholarship
- Russell-Malnati Scholarship for Advanced Studies
- Anne E. Perchard Challenge Award
- Morris B. Ewing ABS Genetic Performance Scholarship
  - Lineweaver Scholarship
  - Reuben Cowles Scholarship
- Fred Stout Experience Awards (2)



# All American

The All American Junior Jersey Show, held each November in Louisville, Ky., is the longest running, largest and most prestigious show exclusively for Jersey youth. Youth between the ages of 9 and 20 as of January 1 are eligible to exhibit. The exhibitor must be listed as an owner of the animal on the registration certificate either (1) as the sole owner or (2) by his or her name in joint ownership. Animals must be registered and/or transferred to meet one of the above requirements no later than August 1 of the show year. Refer to the show premium book ([www.livestackexpo.org](http://www.livestackexpo.org)) for complete rules.

## POT O'GOLD PROGRAM

The educational Pot O'Gold Sale is held annually in conjunction with The All American Junior Jersey Show.

The sale offers from 30 to 40 heifers for youth between the ages of 7 and 20 to purchase. Three years later, they compete for cash awards based on their heifer's first completed lactation. Rules for the production contest are printed in the sale catalog, published on the USJersey website or available from Jersey Marketing Service.

## NATIONAL JERSEY QUEEN

A National Jersey Queen is selected at each year's All American Jersey Show. The contest is open to any female member of the American Jersey Cattle Association (junior or Lifetime) who is not younger than 16 years of age and not older than 22 as of January 1 of the contest year. Previous National Jersey Queens are not eligible.

The National Jersey Queen and the alternates are expected to demonstrate current knowledge of the Jersey breed and the American dairy industry.



## Jersey Youth Academy

Jersey Youth Academy is an educational program focused specifically on the Jersey cow and the many elements of the Jersey dairy business. Its mission is to encourage, educate and retain talented young people for careers in the Jersey dairy business.

Every two years, a class is selected from a national pool of applicants based on merit, motivation and preparation for the program as reflected in the written application and goal statement. Eligibility rules are set by the AJCA Board of Directors.

The youth who are selected come to Columbus, Ohio for an intensive five-day experience:

- to learn why and how the Jersey breed has grown and prospered, and what the future holds for the Jersey business;
- to meet leaders from the Jersey community and from across allied industries, to gain their unique insights about the dairy business with a specific focus on the Jersey cow; and
- to learn about the range of career opportunities that involve the Jersey breed and Jersey products, and begin the journey that will take them to success working in the Jersey dairy business.

All program costs, including transportation, are paid by the Academy's 501(c)(3) educational foundation. Contributors represent a broad spectrum of Jersey breeder and industry support.

