**2024 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest**

**Historical Record of Activities Completed Through December 31, 2024**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** **March 1, 2025** if you are from a state that does not have an active organization (see below), or **March 15, 2025** if you are a state organization nominee or are qualified from the 2023 contest. Late applications will not be accepted. Date of submission will be determined by visible USPS postmark or email date/time stamp. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FAX.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicant must (1) own one or more Registered Jerseys™, (2) be at least sixteen (16) and be no older than twenty (20) years of age **on January 1, 2024** and (3) be a member (junior or lifetime) of the American Jersey Cattle Association not later than December 31, 2024.

***Eligible by Previous Ranking:*** Any person ranked second through tenth in the previous year’s *(2023)* National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest who meets ownership, age and membership requirementsis eligible to apply.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

***State Organizations:*** Nominate two eligible juniors each year. The state association secretary or the youth committee chair must provide the names of the state nominees to the American Jersey Cattle Association **no later than March 1, 2025**.

***States with Inactive Organization*** *(applies to any state without an active Jersey youth organization)****:***  Complete this form and send to the AJCA office to arrive **no later than March 15, 2025.** The AJCA Director representing your state will conduct the initial screening of the applicants and submit no more than two eligible nominees for the contest.

**Instructions for Completing and Submitting Your Application**

Provide information using **only** this form. You may include two (2) single-sided pages of supplemental materials, such as scrapbook photos, news articles, etc.

**DO NOT** use application forms from previous year contests. **DO NOT** include a résumé. **DO NOT** send digital media (DVD, CD, USB drives), record books or photo albums. **DO NOT** submit application in a binder or notebook.

**Transcripts:** Include an **official** grade transcript from your high school **and also**, if applicable, your college/university through December 31, 2024. Incomplete transcripts are not acceptable.

Mail to the American Jersey Cattle Association, Attn: Communications Department, 6486 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2362. Email to info@usjersey.com.

An anonymous committee will rank the top 10 contestants. Winners will be announced after July 20, 2025. Awards will be presented during the Youth Ceremony in Louisville, Kentucky, in November.

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**I am eligible to enter the 2024 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest because:**

* I have been nominated by my state organization and meet age, ownership and membership eligibility requirements.
* I am a resident of a state without an active Jersey organization.
* I was ranked second through tenth in the 2023 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest.

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is correct.**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE DATE

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**MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY EMAIL WITH A DATE/TIME STAMP or**

**BY MAIL WITH VISIBLE POSTMARK AS FOLLOWS:**

**MARCH 10, 2025** if living in a state that does not have an active association **• MARCH 20, 2025** for state nominees

NAME DATE OF BIRTH

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CELL PHONE

HOME FARM NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE

NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING (IF NO LONGER IN SCHOOL, LIST CURRENT EMPLOYER)

CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL (OR POSITION AT CURRENT JOB) ACADEMIC MAJOR (IF ATTENDING COLLEGE)

**Jersey Herd Information**

Number of years you have participated in Jersey youth projects: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Registered Jerseys you currently own: Heifers \_\_\_\_\_ Cows\_\_\_\_\_

Number of dairy cattle of other breeds you currently own (indicate breed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AJCA Membership Status on December 31, 2024: Junior\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For all questions below, add lines as required to provide a complete history.**

List the average yearly production of Registered Jersey in your recorded ownership with completed records. Start with the most recent year (2024). Add lines as necessary to provide a complete history.

*Note: You can use the Recorded Animals tab in infoJersey to get a complete list of animals in your ownership. If enrolled on REAP, you can also get performance information. infoJersey also provides performance information on the free Pedigree and Progeny Report at no charge. Service charges will apply if you request Herd Services staff to produce reports of production and/or type information.*

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| **Year** | **Number of Records** | **Type of Records** | **Average**  **Actual Production** | | | **Average 2x**  **305-Day M.E.** | | |
|  |  |  | **Milk** | **Fat** | **Protein** | **Milk** | **Fat** | **Protein** |
| **2024** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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List production awards you have received at the national, state, and local level. Add lines as necessary to provide a complete history.

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| **Year** | **Recognition** |
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List the linear type appraisal average and breakdowns for animals you own. Start with the most recent appraisal. Add lines as necessary to provide a complete history.

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| **Date** | **Total Number** | **Average Score** | **Number of Cows in Each Category** | | |
|  |  |  | **Excellent (90 +)** | **Very Good (80-89)** | **Desirable (70-79)** |
| **2024** |  |  |  |  |  |
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List Jersey show winnings at national, regional, state and local shows. Start with most recent year. Add lines as necessary to provide a complete history.

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| **Year** | **Show** | **Number**  **Exhibited** | **Placings** |
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**PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP IN AG ORGANIZATIONS**

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| **JERSEY ORGANIZATIONS** | | | | **Office Held (indicate year)** | | | | |
| **Level** | **Name of Group** | **Years a member** | **Pres.** | | **V-Pres** | **Sec.** | **Treas.** | **Other** |
| **County** |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |
| **State**  **Jr. Club** |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |
| **National** | **AJCA Junior Member** |  |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | **AJCA Lifetime Member** |  |  | |  |  |  |  |

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| **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: 4-H, FFA, etc.** | **Office Held (indicate year)** | | | | | |
| **Name of Group** | **Years**  **a member** | **Pres.** | **V-Pres.** | **Sec.** | **Treas.** | **Other** |
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**PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Start with most recent year. Add lines as necessary to provide a complete history.

**DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING AND SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS**

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| **Year** | **Activity** | **Placing** |
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**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Demonstrations, speeches, produced webinars/videos and similar presentations**

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| **Year** | **Type of Presentation** | **Title (or topic)** | **Date of presentation, type and number of people in the audience, and (if applicable) awards received** |
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**Participation in School, Church, Civic Organizations**

Start with most recent year. Add lines as necessary to provide a complete history.

List membership, activities, and offices held in school, church or civic groups.

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**Awards, Honors, Scholarships, Special Recognition**

List awards received that you have not listed previously.

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***Answer the following questions. Do not repeat information and limit your response to each question to 200 words.***

1. Describe your participation in dairy and farm activities on your home or other dairy where you are employed.

2. How has your involvement with Jerseys and Jersey activities helped your career and personal development?

3. What do you think is the most important goal for the Jersey breed and its owners? Why?

4. What are your goals for the future? How do you plan to achieve them?

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Judge’s Score Sheet for 2024 Contest Year

*Updated by AJCA Board of Directors (3/24)*

Name of Applicant

**MAXIMUM SCORE APPLICANT’S SCORE**

Work with Jerseys

Number of years with Jerseys 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibiting, showing, showmanship w/Jerseys 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Production achievements 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Type appraisal achievements 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Involvement in Jersey organizations/programs 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Sub-Total 40* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Related Dairy Activities

4-H and/or FFA involvement 9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dairy and other demonstrations 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dairy judging and linear evaluation 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School, church and civic activities 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Awards, honors and scholarships 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Sub-Total 30* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relative Progress and Plans for Future

Participation in dairy operation 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Growth and maturity (essay question 2) 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jersey breed goals (essay question 3) 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Future plans 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Sub-Total 30*

**FINAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_