

2010 National Outstanding Guernsey Youth Contest



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Application Deadline - March 31, 2010

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Eligibility

Any youth successfully completing project work with registered Guernseys and who is a youth member of the American Guernsey Association is eligible to participate in the National Outstanding Guernsey Youth contest.

State Contests

It is recommended that the youth committees adopt this scorecard and format in conducting state Outstanding Guernsey Youth contests. In this way, winners at such contests would be prepared to enter competition at the next level and be assured that the same scoring system was used in all contests.

National Contest

Youth with material prepared as suggested are eligible to compete for the National Guernsey Outstanding Youth contest if they have not reached their 21st birthday by January 1 in the year recognized at the National Convention. Once recognized as a National Outstanding Guernsey Youth winner, a youth member is not eligible to compete again.

National Awards

Each year, the contestants' books will be screened to select up to six finalists. The finalists will appear before a second committee for 20-minute interviews at the National Convention, with the winner and first runner-up being selected by this committee. The national winner will receive an award from the American Guernsey Association as well as a lifetime membership in the American Guernsey Association. When applicable, the state associations will assume the responsibility for meals, lodging and chaperoning at the National Convention and will make other awards as they see fit.



Preparation of Material

The entry book should be prepared carefully, neatly, typed or written and present a true, easy-to-read story of the contestant and registered Guernseys he or she owns and has developed. Material should be accurate, complete and records should not contain filler material. A book should be creative and display the entrant's personality, in addition it should be clearly marked and organized as follows.*

Two photographs

Wallet size...mounted on the first page with name, age, county and complete address. Photos should have a glossy finish.

Personal Guernsey Project Summary

National Outstanding Guernsey Youth application forms OY1-1 and OY1-2

My Story of Youth Guernsey Work

In no more than four typed, double spaced pages, please describe your involvement with Guernseys. This can include highlights of your career, personal growth, development of your herd and any special circumstances that you have encountered. This is your opportunity to highlight or expand on areas not covered in the questions reporting your personal views.

Summary of Activities and Projects

Not to exceed forms OY2 and OY3. List in chronological order by year beginning with the first year of dairy project work and include achievements, awards won and offices held. This should include all types of projects and activities...4-H, FFA, Guernsey, school, church and community.

Resume of Registered Guernseys Owned

To Include:

- Summary of Animal Ownership Form OY4 (Guernseys only)
- Summary of Producing Cows Form OY5
- Management Records Complete forms OY6-1 and OY6-2 for two animals.

Clippings and Pictures About You

4-H, FFA, Guernsey, church, school and community. Four pages front only. Limit to highlights.

If possible please mail or email 5-6 additional pictures to be used in the slide show at the National Convention.

Section Reporting Your Personal Views

Please turn to back of this guide.

Records and reports must be the work of the nominee for the National Outstanding Guernsey Youth award. If found otherwise, nominee will be disqualified.

** For handling reasons, it is recommended that entrants use protective covers for each sheet of paper.*

Section Reporting Your Personal Views

Respond on a separate sheet of paper and limit typewritten responses to 200 words or less per question.

1. What do you think the future holds for young people getting into the dairy industry right now?
2. What are ways that we can promote the Guernsey cow to make her more attractive to new breeders?
3. List the top 5 factors that you would like to do in your own herd to make it more profitable and successful and explain each one briefly.
4. 2009 was a very tough economic year for dairy farmers. What can the dairy industry as a whole do to try and avoid a repeat of the record low milk prices?
5. What programs or services could the AGA provide to Junior Members to enhance their future in this industry?

Judging Form

Category	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Participation in the home farm operation	25	
Knowledge of AGA programs and the dairy industry	25	
Development of herd (including production, breeding, showing, etc.)	15	
Leadership activity (active involvement in organizations, awards and honors, etc.)	25	
Preparation for the future as an individual (influence Guernsey breed has had on individual)	10	
Total	100	

Additional comments will be passed along to the applicant for his or her interest after the contest.



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RULES

1. The applicant must own one or more registered Guernseys, be born from January 1, 1989, through December 31, 2000, and be a youth member of the American Guernsey Association.
2. All entries must be received by the AGA by March 31, 2010.
3. A national winner and first runner-up will be selected. The national winner will receive the \$500 Lawrence Colebank Award and an AGA lifetime membership. Each of the finalists will receive a lifetime membership to National Dairy Shrine. If a finalist is already a member of Dairy Shrine, then they will be awarded \$50 for travel expenses to the National Convention.
4. The national winner in any one year is ineligible to compete in future contests.

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

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

State Guernsey Director, County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor's Signature and Position

Date _____

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Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Current or School Address _____

Telephone _____ School Telephone _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____

Parent (or Guardian) Names _____

Parent (or Guardian) Address _____

School or Current Employment _____

High School Graduation Date _____ College Graduation Date _____

College Major _____ Farm Prefix _____

Name & Address of Local Papers _____

Years of Membership in Guernsey Organizations: AGA _____

State _____ County or Local _____

Provide some background information on your home farm _____
