

2026 National Outstanding Guernsey Youth Contest

***The highest honor a Guernsey Youth can achieve!
This competition is based on well-rounded experience in
dairy husbandry, breed activities and leadership.***

Application Deadline — March 31, 2026

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 were born on or after January 1, 2005. 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 during 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, 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 (Guernseys only)
Form OY4
- 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 that can be used in the slide show presentation 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 AGYA activities and/or contests would you like to see improved or implemented and how?
2. What are the strengths of the Guernsey cow? How would you convince someone to get Guernseys using these attributes?
3. What traits do you feel are important to focus on when breeding your Guernseys to make them competitive in today's dairy industry?
4. How can we use new technology to promote the Guernsey breed and the American Guernsey Association?
5. What are your plans for the future and how will the Guernsey cow be involved with that?

Judging Form

| Category | Possible Points |
|---|-----------------|
| 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, 2004, through December 31, 2015, and be a youth member of the American Guernsey Association.
2. All entries must be received by the AGA by March 31, 2025. Please mail to: American Guernsey Association, 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Suite G, Columbus, OH 43228.
3. A national winner and first runner-up will be selected. The national winner will receive an AGA lifetime membership.
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 _____

Email 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:

Highlights of Activities

I. Organizations, Offices Held & Awards in dairy activities. (Limit responses to space provided.)

| Year | Organization | Offices/Awards |
|------|--------------|----------------|
|------|--------------|----------------|

Highlights of Activities

I. Organizations, Offices Held & Awards in other activities. (Limit responses to space provided.)

Year

Organization

Offices/Awards

Summary of Animal Ownership

Inventory of all Guernseys ever owned.

| Name | Reg. or I.D. Number | Birthdate | Date/Reason Left Herd |
|------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|

Management Records

(Please complete for two animals)

Barn Name or Number:

Date of Birth:

Birth Weight:

Tattoo or Ear Tag: Right:

Left:

Calfhood Vaccination Number:

Date:

Dehorned:

Extra Teats Removed:

Health Record

Date

Illness, Vaccination, Problem

Treatment

Time Period

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Only include records of cows you own. Production records are optional for herds not on DHI test. We recommend in these cases you utilize any on-farm data possible. For as many cows as possible, up to eight.

| Name | DOB | Score | Highest Record Age | Record 2x/3x | 305-day actual Days | Milk | Fat | Protein |
|---------------------|------|-------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|-----|---------|
| Lifetime Production | | | | | Herdmate | Deviation | | |
| Days | Milk | Fat | Protein | CPI | NM\$ | Milk | Fat | Protein |

Breeding and Calving Record

For as many animals as possible, up to six.

Animal Name:
Calving Date Heat Dates Name of Service Sire Date Bred Date Due Date Fresh

Progeny
Date Born Sex Ear Tag # Remarks

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