

The Janice Keene Award for Youth Participation at National Convention

Janice Keene served as editor of the *Guernsey Breeders' Journal* from 1982 to 1986. When she left to pursue her Master's degree at The Ohio State University, she was presented with a "Proof" Eustis Model Guernsey. In 2024, Keene donated this cow to be auctioned to create a fund to sponsor awards to assist youth in attending AGA National Conventions. Keene attended national breed conventions as a junior member and values the connections, learning and camaraderie that conventions provide for people of all ages. She is grateful for her time serving Guernsey breeders and for the opportunity to give back to the Guernsey breed in this one-of-a-kind way. In 2025, additional items donated by past Executive Secretary Bernie Heisner were also sold to raise funds for this award.

This award will be given annually in April to an American Guernsey Youth Association member to travel to and participate in the National Guernsey Convention and concurrent youth contests. The award is \$500 to be presented at the Youth Award Ceremony at the National Guernsey Convention.

Criteria

The award will be given to the applicant considered by the Janice Keene Award Committee to be the most deserving based upon the evaluation of the applicant's enthusiasm for participation in youth contests, desire to travel and promote the breed, and the impact such award would have on the youth's ability to participate.

Qualifications

1. The applicant must be a Junior Member of the American Guernsey Association.
2. Applicants under 18 years old as of July 1 of the award year must include the attached Statement of Parent/Guardian Approval as well as designate an adult chaperone who will attend the National Convention (see the statement for details).
3. Applicants must attend the National Guernsey Convention in the award year, participate in at least one in-person contest, attend the Youth Award ceremony and any other youth events that are part of the convention schedule.
4. The application, with all supporting materials, must be postmarked or emailed no later than March 31. No late applications will be accepted.

Janice Keene Award Application

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Application steps:

- A) Fill out the National Convention Estimated Travel Cost form on the following pages.**
- B) Fill out the Planned National Convention Activities form on the following pages.**
- C) If you are under the age of 18 as of July 1, fill out the Statement of Parent/Guardian Approval and identify a chaperone on the following pages.**
- D) In a separate document or addition to the end of this application, please respond to the questions below.**

1. Please briefly summarize your current Guernsey involvement, including if you have attended National Conventions or participated in youth contests before (1-2 paragraphs).
2. What would receiving the Janice Keene award for participation in the National Convention mean to you?

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Or email to: Robin.Alden@usguernsey.com

National Convention Estimated Travel Costs Form

Name:

Traveling from (City, State):

Please fill out an estimate for each applicable travel category. If a category does not apply to your situation, write "n/a" (for example, if you plan to drive to the Convention, you may write "n/a" for airline tickets). If you have additional categories, please fill in the category type on the left column. On the far right column, indicate how you came to this estimate (website, local fuel price, etc). The AGA understands these costs may change and that this is an estimated budget.

Category	Estimated Cost	Source of Estimate
Fuel cost		
Airline Tickets		
Meals (not including those part of Convention registration)		
Hotel		

National Convention Planned Youth Activities

Name:

Please check each youth contest you intend to participate in. You must eventually participate in at least one of the following in-person contests to receive this award.

National Guernsey Queen Contest National Outstanding Youth Contest
 Public Speaking Contest Extemporaneous Speaking Contest
 National AGA Quiz Bowl Contest*

*Please contact AGA if you need assistance in forming a Quiz Bowl team.

Statement of Parent/Guardian Approval

Required for all applicants under the age of 18 as of July 1 of the award year.

Name of applicant:

I, _____ certify that:

- a) I am the legal parent or guardian of above applicant;
- b) I have reviewed this application and its terms;
- c) I understand that any costs associated with traveling to and participating in the National Guernsey Convention that this Award may not cover are my responsibility;
- d) Either I or a designated adult chaperone of my approval will be attending the National Guernsey Convention with the applicant and their personal costs are not covered by this Award;
- e) And the American Guernsey Association bears no liability for additional costs or burdens resulting in travelling to and/or participating in the National Guernsey Convention.

Designated adult chaperone:

If your designated chaperone changes due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the American Guernsey Association to list a new designee.