

AJCC Provides Scholarships, Youth Awards

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The American Jersey Cattle Club provides services for its younger members, especially in sponsoring awards and in administering scholarships.

In conjunction with its ongoing youth programs, the AJCC sponsors awards for junior shows, and for state, regional, and national judging contests.

The organization also administers 11 scholarships that are available to Jersey youth.

The AJCC awards are available only by annual request. Write or call Gayle Starkey at The American Jersey Cattle Club, 6486 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 43068-3636, or call (614) 861-3636 at least four weeks before an event to request award

Awards

Specifically, the award program provides ribbons for three places in each individual female class and a rosette for the grand champion female for county and district, state and regional junior Jersey shows. There is also an award presented in state and regional Jersey showmanship classes.

Awards available for the National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest include a rotating trophy for the high team members and their coach. The high individual in Jersey judging is presented a model Jersey cow.

Awards for the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Contest are the same except there is no rotating trophy.

Awards for collegiate, 4-H and FFA regional contests at Eastern States, National Cattle Congress, Pennsylvania All-American, North American, Pacific International, and Mid-South Fair include a laser-carved plaque for the coach of the high team in Jerseys and pen and pencil sets for team members. The high individual in Jersey receives a model Jersey cow.

The coach of the high team in Jerseys at two-year and technical intercollegiate contests receives a laser-carved plaque. Team members receive pen and pencil sets. The high individual in Jersey is presented a color Ideal Jersey cow plaque.

At state judging contests, the high individual in Jerseys receives a color Ideal Jersey cow plaque.

Scholarships

The AJCC scholarship administration program makes scholarships available to youth who own at least one registered Jersey and who are accepted or enrolled in college.

Selection is based on financial need and scholastic achievement, as well as Jersey and related activities.

The deadline for applying for a 1994 scholarship is July 1.

Applications are available by

calling the AJCC, or writing to the same address as for awards, except that a different zip code should be used. Instead of 43068-3636, use 43068-2362.

Three V.L. Peterson Scholarships for \$750 are available to youth who have completed at least one year of college.

"Vic" Peterson has been called the "Dean" of dairy breed representatives for his 25 years of service as an AJCC area representative.

One \$750 Paul Jackson Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a youth who has completed at least one year of college. Mr. Jackson was a longtime Jersey breeder, showman, and herdsman who was devoted to encouraging junior interest in Jerseys.

Jersey juniors who are graduating from high school and have been accepted by a college or university are eligible to compete for two William A. Russell Scholarships. The Russell Scholarship was established in 1977 to honor Bill Russell, a lifelong Jersey enthusiast who was an area representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club and National All-Jersey Inc.

Three \$750 Jack C. Nisbet Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to participants in the National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest. Nisbet

joined the AJCC staff in 1941 as an extension director. He served as executive secretary for the club from 1943 to 1947.

There is a \$1,000 Stanley K. Bansen scholarship to be awarded to students working on an advanced degree (masters or doctorate) in dairy or animal science, dairy manufacturing, or agricultural business.

The Bansen scholarship was established in 1992 to honor Bansen's lifelong interest and dedication to the Jersey breed and the dairy industry.

In addition to these scholarships, the AJCC administers the ABS/Morris B. Ewing Essay Con-

test sponsored by American Breeders Service. The contest winner will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Contest entries should focus on the question: "What is likely to be the biggest challenge Jersey breeders will face in the near future, and how can they confront this challenge?"

To be eligible for the contest, applicants must be between 16- and 22-years-old, as of Jan. 1, each contest year.

Essays should not exceed 1,000 words and will be judged on accuracy of information, creativity, and grammatical correctness.

Judges To Select Dairy Of Distinction Farms

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—The annual meeting of the Dairy of Distinction program was held this week on the Penn State campus. Paul Nichols, secretary, reported that the program of farm beautification has been increasing in usefulness since it was started in Pennsylvania in 1987.

"We are improving the image of farms to consumers," Nichols said. "And we are having more requests for information about farms from the media."

Dan Baker, president, said the

program has been successful because the 10 local district chairpersons and their committees have made the selection and judging of farms happen. "The local districts make the program a success," Baker said.

The Dairy of Distinction program is designed to reward clean, well-kept farmsteads to help with consumer acceptance of dairy products in the store. Since its inception in Pennsylvania, 517 farms have been designated in the program.

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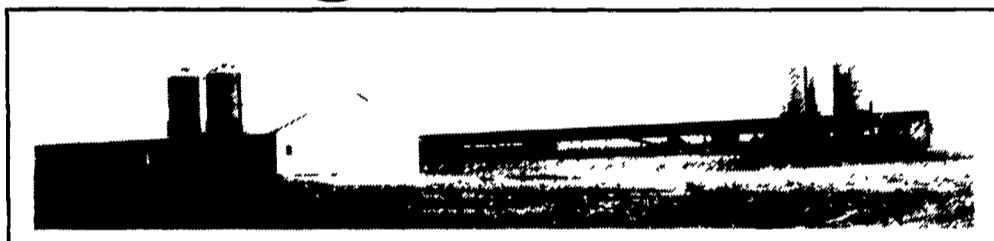


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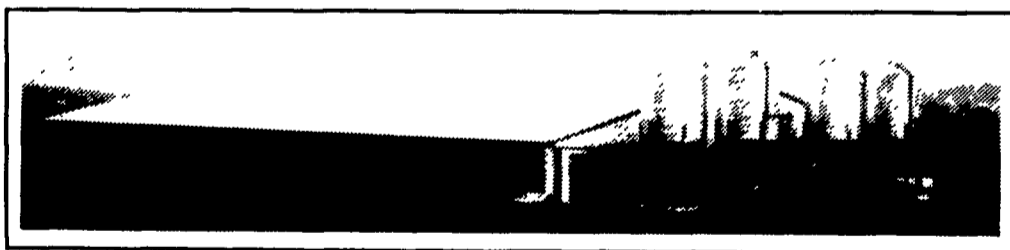


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