



## *Application for Junior Membership*

Junior memberships are issued to any young person who has at least one registered Ayrshire recorded in his or her individual name on the records of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association, or who can provide paperwork on an approved Ayrshire lease project, and upon payment of the \$10 fee.

Such junior memberships shall terminate on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the junior member's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

A national junior membership entitles the junior to participate in all national junior member programs.

*I hereby recommend the following for junior membership and certify that to the best of my knowledge, each meets the necessary requirements:*

Name

Complete Mailing Address

Date of Birth

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Vo-Ag Teacher, 4-H Club Leader, Senior Member or County Agent)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# National Youth ~ Growing up with Ayrshires

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The involvement of youth in the Ayrshire breed is the entire focus of the National Ayrshire Youth Program sponsored by the National Ayrshire Youth Committee. Recognizing the integral part youth play in the future development of the Ayrshire breed, numerous programs have been developed to interest all ages of Ayrshire enthusiasts. These programs are specifically designed to facilitate leadership development, as well as foster a myriad of educational opportunities for their successful future in the dairy industry. The following is a list of all activities currently offered.

## Junior Record Book Program

Ayrshire youth learn the importance of accurate record keeping by keeping track of their own Ayrshires. Members then have the opportunity to submit these records along with a 'scrapbook' that conveys a brief history of their dairy activities. Outstanding Junior Record Books in four age group categories are awarded trophies and prize money for their efforts at the annual National Ayrshire Convention.

## Outstanding Youth Award

Members who have submitted their records in the Junior Record Book Program and are between the ages of 16-21 are automatically qualified for the Outstanding Youth Award. The top six individuals are invited to the National Ayrshire Convention to compete. Contestants are asked to give oral and visual presentations of their Ayrshire projects during the convention. An overall winner is selected based on their projects, involvement and presentation.

## Junior Production Awards

Junior Production Awards honor those whose animals have reached superior production levels in milk, protein, energy corrected milk and fat, with 24 different awards. All entrants are recognized with certificates. Category winners are presented with awards during the National Ayrshire Convention.

## Junior All-American Contest

Youth owned and exhibited registered Ayrshires, who have proven exceptional show histories for the year, are recognized by the Junior All-American contest. Junior All-American and a Junior Reserve All-American are selected from each animal age category. Winners are pictured in the Ayrshire Digest All-American issue. Forms, fees and pictures must be postmarked by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Call the ABA office for an application or see the Sept/Oct issue of the *Ayrshire Digest*.

## Dairy Jeopardy Contest

The Dairy Jeopardy contest is where individuals compete against each other. Competition points are awarded for correctly answering questions about the dairy industry and closely related areas. Each contest shall consist of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 points. A maximum of six players will compete at one time. The number of players per contest will be dependent on the number of contestants. Answers may be in the form of a question or statement.

## Junior Membership Form On Reverse Side

## Dairy Quiz Bowl

Entertaining and educational, the Dairy Quiz Bowl is held during the National Ayrshire Convention. The competition is divided into junior and senior age divisions and is open to youth who are interested in expanding and challenging their dairy knowledge. Individuals who pre-register through the ABA office will receive sample questions. Individuals may form teams at the time of the National Ayrshire Convention.

## Exhibiting Ayrshires

The National Youth Committee supports the Eastern States, Mid-Atlantic, Central and Southern National Junior Shows. Ayrshire youth are encouraged to promote and exhibit their cattle at local, state, regional and national levels. Ayrshire youth may show through the year of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Exhibiting at the national shows qualifies juniors for prestigious awards, including the Arthur Clark Showmanship Award and the Louis Zumbach Grand Champion & Total Performance Awards.

## National Ayrshire Scholarship

Higher education is a valuable asset to all youth; the National Youth Committee recognizes this by awarding an annual scholarship to graduating high school seniors and youth through their second year of higher education intending to major in an agricultural-related field. Call the ABA office for an application.

## National Ayrshire Queen Contest

Female Ayrshire youth, 16 years of age through the year of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, are eligible to compete in the National Ayrshire Princess Contest held at the National Ayrshire Convention. Competing in categories such as leadership ability, knowledge of the Ayrshire breed and the dairy industry, the winner will serve as a spokesperson for the Ayrshire breed.

## Junior Display Contest

The Junior Display Contest is divided into four age divisions: Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Pre-Junior. Junior, Intermediate and Senior contestants prepare a folding display that is no larger than 3' x 4' and must be able to stand by itself. Pre-Juniors will prepare a poster 22"x28". All entries must be exhibited at the ABA Annual convention, but junior members need not be present to participate.

## National Ayrshire Youth Membership

To become a National Ayrshire Youth Member, you must have at least one registered Ayrshire recorded in your name and on file at the Ayrshire Breeders' Association or an official youth lease agreement; and a completed application and payment of \$10.00 membership fee sent to the Ayrshire Breeders' Association. This membership is in effect through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the junior turns 21 years of age.

*The National Ayrshire Youth Program is completely funded by the self-supporting National Ayrshire Youth Committee. The committee always welcomes questions or comments on how the Ayrshire breed can best be encouraged among youth in the dairy industry.*