



Ayrshire Youth Record Book Contest

Junior Division: 9 to 12 Years Old
Intermediate Division: 13 to 15 Years Old
Senior Division: 16 to 21 Years Old
(Ages as of January 1st of the contest year)

GUIDELINES FOR FILLING OUT THE NATIONAL AYRSHIRE YOUTH BOOK APPLICATION

- To enter the contest, the applicant must be a National Junior Ayrshire Member or have their application submitted with the record book.
- The applicant must own or lease least one Ayrshire registered in their name or have the registration application submitted with the record book.
- The completed application must be placed in a standard 3-ring binder. The application should be neatly handwritten or typed. Pages can be 3-hole punched or in plastic page protectors.
- The entry must include two wallet-sized photos – one mounted on the title page (page 1) of your record book, and the other (not mounted to the application) to be used for the *Ayrshire Digest*. Photos of winners in each division, along with the other entrants in each age category, will be published in the *Digest* along with a short biography of the entrant.
- When writing your Ayrshire story, keep in mind that this section is how the judges get to know you and your Ayrshire background. Make sure that you proofread your story, and that the final copy is two to four pages, neatly handwritten or typed, and that it is double-spaced.
- The entry must include two written letters of recommendation (to be included with your application) from any of the following: Officer of your state club, National ABA adult member, 4-H Advisor, a County Ag Leader, or another individual other than a family member. Make sure that you contact your potential recommendation letter-writers early and often. This will assure that you will not miss the deadline because you are waiting on a recommendation, and people are more likely to write a more favorable recommendation when they are given enough time to do so. You may want to contact more than two people to write recommendation letters, so you can pick the best two to use.
- In the Activities & Achievements section, remember that any leadership work, whether it came from your work with Ayrshires, 4-H, or FFA, can apply. You could explain how you have developed responsibility, how you learned to read DHI sheets or bull proofs, or how you learned to select the best animals to show. The most important thing you should do in this section is to tell what you have learned or achieved by taking Ayrshires

as projects. List the most memorable instances where you have held an office or a committee appointment. List other school, community, church, or other important activities. Also, list any champions, class winners, showmanship placings, or results from judging or quiz bowl contests.

☐ The photo pages are to be used for your “scrapbook” or Ayrshire activities, awards, and other honors. The photo pages are the “grand finale” of your book. You may include up to (but not more than) twenty pictures, newspaper clippings, or other photos in your photo pages. The photo pages can include pictures of animals you’ve shown, the farm on which you live or work, or other achievements or honors you’ve earned. Remember, captions may not exceed 50 words! Proof read this section thoroughly as well, and explain what is happening in each photo. Be creative with this section – let your personality show!

SENIOR DIVISION ONLY: Your book will be evaluated against other books in the Senior division, and six finalists will be chosen to compete in the National Ayrshire Outstanding Youth competition. If you are selected for this competition, you will be notified of your eligibility to participate and given further instructions for the competition at that time.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please comply with the DEADLINE DATE for submitting contest entries.

LATE ENTRIES will not be evaluated, so don’t take a chance on missing out.

SEND ENTRIES EARLY AND BY THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 1st TO BE EVALUATED.

Good luck with your application!

ORDER OF APPLICATION PAGES

The following is the order of how you should place the pages in your binder:

Biography Page

Ayrshire Story

Letters of Recommendation (2)

Abilities, Skills, & Competencies

Basic Leadership Activities

Additional Activities & Projects

Dairy Activities & Projects

Photo Pages

JUDGING BREAKDOWNS

Neatness and Appearance of Book - 10 points

Ayrshire Story/Biography - 30 points

Following Directions of Contest - 5 points

Letters of Recommendation - 5 points

Abilities, Skills & Competencies - 10 points

Basic Leadership Activities - 10 points

Additional Activities & Projects - 10 points

Dairy Activities & Projects - 10 points

Photo Pages - 10 points

BIOGRAPHY PAGE

Attach
Photo
Here

(Name)

(Age)

(Birthdate)

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Parent or Guardian's Name)

(Telephone Number)

(Local Newspaper)

(Newspaper Address)

_____ **Junior** _____ **Intermediate** _____ **Senior Application**
(check appropriate division above)

I have completed _____ years of project work with Registered Ayrshires.

I have been a Junior Member of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association for _____ years.

I presently own or lease _____ Registered Ayrshires - _____ calves and heifers and _____ cows.

I am listed as the breeder of _____ Registered Ayrshires.

My animals are on DHIR [] DHI [] O/S [] Production Testing program. (check one)

Are you presently in school? _____ Where? _____

If in college, your major: _____

If in high school, do you plan to go to college? _____

If yes, in what field of study? _____

What is your occupational goal? _____

(Your Signature)

(Date)

