



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 and upon payment of the \$10 fee.

Such junior memberships shall terminate on December 31st of the year of the junior member's 21st 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Complete Mailing Address</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
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Signature _____
(Vo-Ag Teacher, 4-H Club Leader, Senior Member or County Agent)

Address _____

Date _____

Please fill in the above completely and mail fees to the Ayrshire Breeders' Association. Upon receipt of nomination and after ownership of a purebred Ayrshire is substantiated by records in the Association office, a letter of acceptance for the junior membership will be sent to the individual, which will give him/her the right to register animals at member's rates, plus other junior membership privileges.

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 30th. Call the ABA office for an application or see the Sept/Oct issue of the *Ayrshire Digest*.

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 National Junior Show and the Eastern, Western, Mid-Atlantic and Central Annual Regional 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 21st birthday. Exhibiting at the regional and 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 Princess Contest

Female Ayrshire youth, 16 years of age through the year of their 21st 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 spokes-person for the Ayrshire breed.

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; and a completed application and payment of \$10.00 membership fee sent to the Ayrshire Breeders' Association. This membership is in effect through December 31st 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.