

## **AMSJS Ambassador Contest**

Any AMSJS member aged 16 to 21 has the opportunity to apply for the AMSJS Ambassador Contest and represent the breed.

**Duties-** assist in award presentations at milking shorthorn shows and national convention, help with the AMSS Booth at WDE, contribute to the AMSJS Facebook page, give a presentation that explains and promote our junior awards and scholarships and present it at the national banquet. As well as create a poster display of our junior awards for all to view at the national convention.

### **To apply:**

- **Submit a professional resume, a signed American Milking Shorthorn Ambassador Contract (below), and essay questions (below).**
- **Application must be submitted by May 15 to:**

**American Milking Shorthorn Association  
P.O. Box 21  
Beloit, WI 53511**

**In your own words, write as much as you feel necessary in response to the following questions. Type your responses beneath each question in this document.**

- 1. Outline your association with Milking Shorthorns, how you have been involved with your own herd and the Milking Shorthorn Society.*
- 2. Explain how you have benefited from your experiences with Milking Shorthorns.*
- 3. Explain your reasons for applying to be the National Milking Shorthorn Ambassador and what would be your goals as Ambassador.*
- 4. Where do you think the future of the Milking Shorthorn community is headed?*
- 5. Where do you feel the future of the dairy industry is headed?*
- 6. What are your future goals?*
- 7. Summarize your extra-curricular activities outside the Milking Shorthorn Breed 8. Include a signed Ambassador Contract.*

## **American Milking Shorthorn Ambassador Contract**

As a National Milking Shorthorn Ambassador Applicant, I certify the following:

1. I am a candidate that is a member in good standing of a state Junior Milking Shorthorn Association, if there is one in my state; and be a paid junior member of the American Milking Shorthorn Association.
2. Candidates must be single and between the ages of 16 and 21.
3. Each candidate must enter on an official entry blank, signed by their parent or guardian.
4. Each candidate is responsible for their own expenses in connection with the contest.
5. Upon winning the Ambassador will have the opportunity to represent the breed at the events listed below and will be reimbursed \$100 for each event.
  - a. It is encouraged that the Ambassador attends:
    - i. Either the Eastern National (All-American) in Harrisburg, PA or the Northeastern National (Big E), Springfield, MA.
    - ii. International Show in Madison, WI.
    - iii. Winter National Show (NAILE) in Louisville, KY.
    - iv. National Convention including National Convention Junior Show of the following year.
  - b. If the candidate is unable to attend one of the national events, they are to notify AMSJS Advisors so alternative representation can be arranged.
  - c. The Ambassador is responsible for all traveling expenses including airfare, gas, rental cars, and meals.
  - d. The Ambassador will receive a \$500 scholarship from the junior society.
6. The selected candidate is encouraged to participate exhibiting no more than one (1) animal when in attendance at a represented event during Milking Shorthorn Open or Junior Shows. If alternative breeds show at a time that does not conflict with expected responsibilities, approval from AMSJS Advisors may be granted if requested. Showmanship is encourage when possible.
7. A committee of three or more judges (along with the reigning Ambassador) will be selected by the state hosting the National Convention along with the junior advisors. Examples for judges include current AMSS Board members; attending Milking Shorthorn breeders; local agricultural business personnel; and local extension employees. Candidates will be judged on poise, personal appearance, general intelligence, speaking ability, knowledge and experience with Milking Shorthorns and general dairy industry knowledge.
8. The Ambassador should represent their title at every Milking Shorthorn event they attend, shall be trained and ready to exhibit her knowledge of the Milking Shorthorn breed and the industry to media and speaking opportunities that may arise throughout the year.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name clearly)

certify that the statements listed above are all true and that I am committed to uphold the requirements of the Ambassador role to the best of my ability.

Ambassador Candidate Signature:

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Parent's Candidate Signature:

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Date:

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