



# Foreign Exchange Program Application

## American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society Foreign Exchange Program Application

Each candidate must be in good standing of their state Junior Milking Shorthorn Breeder's Association and/or an active junior member of the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society for a minimum of two years. Active includes but is not limited to, entering in national or local competitions, attending meetings, attending conventions, and being involved in meetings and fundraising efforts.

### Requirements

1. Candidate must be single and between the ages of 18-21 as of January 1 the year in which they apply. This would include being able to attend during the year they turn 22.
2. Each candidate must enter an official entry blank, signed by his/her parent or guardian.
3. Each candidate is responsible for his or her own expenses in connection with the award.
4. Each candidate is required to sign a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed prior to signing.
5. Recipient is required to attend the exchange 14 months after being presented the award or prior to the end of the year in which they turn 22. Whichever comes first. Preferably leaving in the months of June, July, or August.
6. The trip will be approximately 4-6 weeks in length but cannot exceed 8 weeks for any reason.
7. The AMSJS will compensate the awarded applicant \$3,000 towards their travel expenses. Half will be compensated upon completion of your behavioral contract and half upon successful return to United States.
  - a. See financial contract for additional expectations.

### Selection Process

1. A committee of three or more judges will be selected by the junior advisor, junior president, and executive director. Examples of judges include: Board members, junior advisory members, local agricultural industry professionals, and extension employees.
2. All interviews are required to be held in conjunction with the National Milking Shorthorn Convention
3. Applicant must be present to interview.
4. Candidates are judged on maturity, personal appearance, general intelligence, public speaking ability, knowledge and experience with the general dairy industry and Milking Shorthorn breed.
5. Previous recipient of the exchange in good standing agreed upon by the Junior Advisory Committee. Upon Selection, exchange recipient will be required to complete the following:
  - a. A daily journal of your activities
  - b. Photos to be shared via AMSJS Facebook page
  - c. Article summarizing your adventure to be published in "The Angle" and "eNews". No later than October 1 of the same year as their trip
  - d. Prepare a photo album to be submitted to the AMSS to be on display at upcoming national shows and World Dairy Expo booth
    - i. If possible you are welcome to present the photos at the WDE booth
  - e. PowerPoint presentation at the following year annual convention



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## Application Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years AMSJS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of Jan. 1, 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates available to travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Please type your responses to the following questions:

1. List your local, state, and national involvement in Milking Shorthorn Junior programs.
  - a. Emphasis will be put on your AMSJS activities
2. Summarize your extracurricular involvement outside of Milking Shorthorns.
3. What are your future goals?
4. What are your current responsibilities in your operation?
5. Explain how you have benefited from your experiences with Milking Shorthorns.
6. Explain why you would like to travel as an exchange member to Australia.
7. Why do you feel this exchange is valuable to our breeders?
8. What do you feel you will learn and gain from this experience?
9. Where do you feel the dairy industry is headed and what do you think makes a successful operation?

Application must be submitted to [juniors@milkingshorthorn.com](mailto:juniors@milkingshorthorn.com) by June 1st. No late applications will be accepted. Applications with missing materials will not be accepted.

All applications must include:

1. Professional Resume
2. 9 response questions typed
3. Copy of passport
  - a. If you currently do not have a passport a copy of a valid passport must be provided no less than 6 months prior to your trip
4. Parent/Guardian Signature
5. Detailed plan to carry out your exchange if chosen. Please include a timeline.
  - a. Explain what you feel is needed to plan and execute this trip.



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### Behavioral Contract

Being selected to represent the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society in the Australian Exchange Program is a privilege and should be treated as such. Any behavior deemed detrimental to the American Milking Shorthorn Society will not be tolerated.

A violation of the terms presented in this agreement will subject the applicant to one or more of the reprimands below:

- Forfeiting the remaining half of your financial assistance
- Writing a formal letter of apology to all parties involved
- Severe cases will result in termination of the trip and the participant will be required to return home at his/her own expense immediately

If selected to represent the American Milking Shorthorn Society Exchange Program I agree to and fully understand the following:

1. This program is a privilege which can be revoked at any time.
2. I will conduct myself in a respectable fashion and perform the duties requested of me by the hosting families.
3. I will not behave in any way or participate in any activities which result in embarrassment of the American Milking Shorthorn Society.
4. Actions which will result in immediate termination of the exchange include but are not limited to:
  - a. Any action resulting in involvement with law enforcement officials
  - b. Any action violating local, state, or national laws
  - c. Conducting yourself in any way causing embarrassment to your hosting family
  - d. Disrespecting a hosting party

This contract has been explained to me in full by the Junior Advisor, Junior Officer and a member of the Junior Advisory Board and I agree to all the above statements:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Advisory Member \_\_\_\_\_