



2026 Wisconsin Holstein 12 & Under Member Recognition

Award form submission checklist:

_____ 1. Application is a stapled document with no binder, fillers or extra pages, printed on plain bond paper. NO CARDSTOCK. OR a PDF of 10MB or less that will be emailed to wisholsteins@gmail.com. Please submit your application as one full document. **Applications submitted as separate pieces will be returned and not considered “on time” until submitted correctly.**

_____ 2. 100-word biography included for press releases if selected as an award recipient. Biographies over 100 words will be edited to fit the word limit and may not include all the info you want, so please review your biography carefully.

_____ 3. High resolution photo of applicant is included that can be scanned if selected as an award recipient or emailed to wisholsteins@gmail.com

_____ 4. Personal summary form is complete with three required signatures

*****If any of these requirements are not met, the award form will be considered incomplete and not submitted to the judging panel.*****

Forms must be **IN OFFICE by Monday, September 21, 2026.**

PDF submissions of the full application will be accepted by email to wisholsteins@gmail.com. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify that all sections of the application are included.



2026 Wisconsin Holstein 12 & Under Member Recognition

The Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association's 12 & Under Member Recognition is designed to reward youth who demonstrate knowledge of the dairy industry. Any junior member of the Wisconsin Holstein Association and Holstein Association USA, Inc., who has been enrolled in dairy project work with Holsteins, is eligible to compete in this contest.

Eligibility

Any Wisconsin Junior Holstein member who has not reached their 13th birthday as of January 1, 2027, is eligible to participate. Applicant must be a junior member of the Wisconsin Holstein Association by August 15, 2026. Judges recognize youth writing and age appropriate material.

Entry Requirements

Applications for this award should be prepared carefully, typed or neatly written in pen, and present an accurate portrayal of the applicant and Registered Holsteins he or she works with.

- Application must be presented as a stapled document – **DO NOT send a binder with individual page protectors.** The judges of this contest see a photocopy of the application only.
- Every application must include a photo and 100-word or less biography to be used in news releases if applicant is selected as a winner.

1. Personal Summary Form

Each form should include this page with applicant signature, signature of a parent, and a signature of a County Holstein leader and/or County or State Holstein board member.

2. Dairy Story

Story of Junior Holstein Work should be typed with one-inch margins, 12-point font, and double spaced, with a maximum of two pages. Applicants should tell the story of their Junior Holstein careers, emphasizing involvement on their home farm. Applicants may want to include specific details about their farm, as well as current involvement in Junior Holstein and other dairy activities.

3. Holstein and Community Involvement

Applicant should list various activities, achievements, awards and offices held, with years of involvement listed. This section should encompass all types of projects and activities: Holstein, 4-H, FFA, church, community, and educational experience. *Emphasis will be placed on Holstein and Association activities, however, it is still important for applicants to show they are well-rounded individuals.*

Example:

Year	Activity	Office Held or Award
2025	Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention	1 st Place Junior Speaking
2026	District 10 Holstein Show	2 nd Place, Showmanship Contest
2026	Area Animal Science Days	5 th High Individual, Dairy Judging

4. Holstein Project Photos

Please include up to two pages of photos of applicant project animal(s). Photo pages should be one-sided, and can include (but are not limited to) images of the applicant and/or cattle on the farm, at fairs, and showing or other activities. Photo pages may be created electronically and submitted as a printed page or with electronic submission of award form.

5. Personal View Question

The answer to the following questions should be included in application and must be no longer than one page in length each, typed or neatly written.

- A. If you could own any Holstein cow, who would it be and why?
- B. What is your dream job in the dairy industry and how are you going to reach that goal?

Scorecard

Entries for the Wisconsin Holstein 12 & Under Recognition Award will be scored according to the following.

Criteria	Point Value
Dairy Story: Junior members' participation and experiences in dairy/agriculture, and explanation of involvement in Junior Holstein work and activities	40
Holstein & Community Involvement: Various activities, achievements, awards and offices held, with years of involvement	30
Holstein Project Photos: Photo pages that represent applicant and project animals	10
Personal View Questions: Responses to questions should reflect originality and demonstrate applicant's knowledge of the Holstein project	20

Deadline for Entries:

In the WHA office by Monday, September 21, 2026

Send to: Wisconsin Holstein Association, 902 Eighth Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913
or email to wisholsteins@gmail.com

1. Personal Summary Form

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age as of January 1, 2027 _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Name and ages of Brothers

Name and ages of Sisters

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Grade in School: _____ Name of School: _____

Name and Address of Local Newspaper:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Must submit a 100-word or less biography and photo for a news release for WHA to use if selected.

The thoughts and records are those of the applicant and are true to the best of my knowledge.

_____	_____
(Your signature)	(Date)

I have read the enclosed records and to the best of my knowledge find these records correct.

_____	_____
(Signature of parent)	(Date)

I have read the enclosed records and to the best of my knowledge find these records correct.

_____	_____
(Signature of a County Jr Leader &/or County or State Board Member; <u>not a parent</u>)	(Date)