



2026 Wisconsin Holstein Association Junior Essay Contest

The Wisconsin Holstein Junior Essay contest is open to all WHA Junior members in good standing with the Wisconsin Holstein Association.

There will be two age divisions:

- **Junior** – Must not have reached 16th birthday by January 1, 2027.
- **Senior** – Age 16 to 20; must not have reached your 21st birthday by January 1, 2027.

The Junior essay may be up to 500 words.

The Senior essay may be up to 750 words.

Judges will score the essays on grammar, neatness (readability) and content that answers the essay question posed. Juniors are encouraged to use their own creativity and knowledge to answer the essay questions. Points will be deducted for AI-generated content.

First through third place is awarded in each age division.

Essays are to be submitted by **November 10, 2026** to the WHA office. Mail entries to WHA, 902 8th Ave., Baraboo, WI 53913 or email wisholsteins@gmail.com.

Entries are to include a cover page with your name, address, email, telephone number and county.

Topics for 2026 Essays

- **Junior** – How would you explain your Holstein experiences to a new member or someone who isn't from a farm?
- **Senior** – *"The cow is the foster mother of the human race. From the day of the ancient Hindus to this time the thoughts of men turned to this kindly and beneficent creature as one of the chief sustaining forces of the human life."* W.D. Hoard
What meaning does this quote of W.D. Hoard have for you in your future with the dairy industry?