**2025 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 22, 2025.   
PDF submissions of the full application will be accepted by email to** [**wisholsteins@gmail.com**](mailto:wisholsteins@gmail.com)**. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify that all sections of the application are included.**

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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, 2026, is eligible to participate. Applicant must be a junior member of the Wisconsin Holstein Association by August 15, 2025. 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

2021 Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention 1st Place Intermediate Speaking

2024 District 10 Holstein Show 2nd Place, Showmanship Contest

2024 Area Animal Science Days 5th 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.

1. What has the dairy industry taught you so far?
2. If you could be any dairy product, what would you be and why?

# Scorecard

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

the following.

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| **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 22, 2025**

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, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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(Your signature) (Date)

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

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(Signature of parent) (Date)

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

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