



**Distinguished  
Young Holstein Breeder  
Award Application**



## **Eligibility**

- Applicant(s) must be between the ages of 21 and 40 as of January 1 of the award year, and be a member in good standing of Holstein Association USA, Inc.
- If applying as a couple or business partners, both applicants must meet the above requirements.
- Applicants are not required to have won a young breeder contest at the state level before applying for this award.
- Herd ownership and/or management responsibility are required.
- Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply in subsequent years, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements above.
- Employees of Holstein Association USA, Inc. and their immediate families are ineligible to apply.

## **Application Procedure**

Applications should be printed single-sided on plain, white, standard size (8.5 x 11") paper, and paperclipped together. Applications must not be placed into binders, scrapbooks, or stapled.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than January 31 of the contest year and sent to:

Holstein Association USA, Inc.  
Attn: Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award Committee  
1 Holstein Place  
PO Box 808  
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0808

## **Recognition**

The winning applicant will receive travel and lodging expenses (for up to two people) to the National Holstein Convention, along with complimentary tickets to the Convention banquet, a \$2,000 cash award and a plaque.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Date(s) of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Prefix(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant HAUSA Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable and not listed above): \_\_\_\_\_

Children Name(s) & Age(s):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**HERD INFORMATION & STATISTICS (50 pts)**

Please list the herd information that reflects that status of your herd at the time at which you assumed ownership or significant management responsibility.

1. TELL US ABOUT YOUR DEFINED ROLE in your operation and how you came into that role.

(limit 250 words) (10 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. MILKING HERD SIZE (10 pts)

5 YEARS AGO

CURRENT

5 YEAR GOAL

• # Registered Holsteins®	_____	_____	_____
• # Basic ID cows	_____	_____	_____
• # Other cows	_____	_____	_____
• % of Holsteins with your prefix	_____	_____	_____

3. ROLLING HERD AVERAGE (10 pts)

• Times milked/day	_____	_____	_____
• Pounds of Milk	_____	_____	_____
• Pounds of Fat	_____	_____	_____
• Percent Fat	_____	_____	_____
• Pounds of Protein	_____	_____	_____
• Percent Protein	_____	_____	_____
• Avg Somatic Cell Count (1st lact)	_____	_____	_____
• Avg Somatic Cell Count (2+ lact)	_____	_____	_____

4. REPRODUCTION & MANAGEMENT (10 pts)

• Average Calving Interval	_____	_____	_____
• Average Days to 1st Breeding	_____	_____	_____
• Average Services/Conception	_____	_____	_____
• Average Age @ 1st Calving	_____	_____	_____

5. HOLSTEIN PROGRAM PARTICIPATION (10 PTS)

- Identification Method  Tag ID  Photos/Sketches
- Do you submit applications via EASY ID?  Yes  No
- Do you use herd management software?  Yes  No
  - o If yes, which? \_\_\_\_\_
- Holstein COMPLETE®  Yes  No
- TriStar<sup>SM</sup>  Yes  No
  - o If yes, which program option? \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Which DHIA affiliate do you test with? \_\_\_\_\_
- Red Book Plus/MultiMate™  Yes  No
- Enlight®  Yes  No

**BREEDING PROGRAM (50 pts)**

1. Do you genomic test any of your females?  Yes  No (5 pts)
- o If yes, how many tested in past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Average genetic level of your youngstock (non-milking heifers).

List these values and/or others you place primary emphasis on. (15 pts)

	CURRENT	5 YEAR GOAL
o Cows' TPI	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Fat	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Protein	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Productive Life	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Type	_____	_____
o _____	_____	_____
o _____	_____	_____
o _____	_____	_____
o % of youngstock genomic tested	_____	_____

3. Average genetic level of your milking herd.

List these values and/or others you place primary emphasis on. (15 pts)

	CURRENT	5 YEAR GOAL
o Cows' TPI	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Fat	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Protein	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Productive Life	_____	_____
o Cows' PTA Type	_____	_____
o _____	_____	_____
o _____	_____	_____
o _____	_____	_____
o % of milking cows genomic tested	_____	_____

4. Average genetic level of your service sires. List these values and/or others you place primary emphasis on. (15 pts)

	CURRENT	5 YEAR GOAL
<input type="radio"/> Service Sire TPI	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Service Sire PTA Fat	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Service Sire PTA Protein	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Service Sire PTA Productive Life	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Service Sire PTA Type	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> _____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> _____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> _____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> % genomic young sires used	_____	_____

**HERD PERFORMANCE (50 pts)**

1. Classification Participation (10 pts)

- Date of last classification: \_\_\_\_\_
- Last classification program option: \_\_\_\_\_
- Last classification # cows scored: \_\_\_\_\_

	5 YEARS AGO	CURRENT	5 YEAR GOAL
• Number of cows classified	_____	_____	_____
• BAA	_____	_____	_____
• Number cows scored:	_____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Excellent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Very Good	_____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Good Plus	_____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Good	_____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Fair	_____	_____	_____
<input type="radio"/> Poor	_____	_____	_____

2. Herd Recognition (10 pts) NUMBER OF YEARS RECEIVED

- Progressive Breeders' Registry \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Please list years: \_\_\_\_\_
- Progressive Genetics Herd Award \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Please list years: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list any other notable awards your herd has received (limit 50 words): \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Individual Cow Recognition (10 pts) NUMBER OF AWARDS EARNED

- Gold Medal Dam \_\_\_\_\_
- Dam of Merit \_\_\_\_\_
- Regional Elite Performer \_\_\_\_\_
- National Elite Performer \_\_\_\_\_
- State & National Production Leader List \_\_\_\_\_
- Lifetime Production >200,000 lbs \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list any other notable awards your cows have received (limit 50 words): \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Other Animal Achievements (10 pts) NUMBER OF ANIMALS

- Cows on current Locator List \_\_\_\_\_
- Bulls sold to AI \_\_\_\_\_

5. Percentage of dairy farm income derived from selling Registered Holstein genetics (10 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

## **INFLUENTIAL COWS (20 pts)**

Please attach an Official Holstein Pedigree™ and write a narrative (one per cow) for up to two cows you have bred or purchased who have been most influential in helping you achieve success as a Registered Holstein® breeder. The narrative may include how you acquired the animal, what about her made her so influential, performance of progeny, etc. (Limit 250 words per cow)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## **NARRATIVE ESSAYS (80 pts)**

Attach your answers to the following questions. Please be descriptive and complete in your answers.

1. What breeding decisions have you made that have had an influence in your herd's current performance? Also explain how your current breeding program will help you achieve your future herd performance goals. (limit 500 words) (20 pts)
2. How has your involvement in Registered Holsteins been beneficial? What impact will Registered Holsteins have on your future? (limit 500 words) (20 pts)
3. Technology is having a great impact on the Registered Holstein breeding industry, on both the male and female side. Explain how you are utilizing genomic information, and/or other advanced reproductive technologies (ET, IVF, etc.) in your breeding program. (limit 500 words) (20 pts)
4. How have other practices (outside of breeding) you have implemented on your operation been beneficial to the success of your farm? (limit 500 words) (10 pts)
5. Describe what you are doing to prepare yourself to make a difference in the future of the dairy industry, including professional development, other dairy industry and community involvement. (limit 250 words) (10 pts)



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