New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1st of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate.

Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Annual Meeting in April.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number _____

Email Address_____

Age as of January 1, 2019_____

Please answer the following questions completely **in the form of an essay**. Additional information may be added to your essay to help the committee make a proper decision. ***Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Unsigned applications will not be accepted.***

1. What would a Guernsey Calf mean to you?
2. What would be your plans for raising and showing this calf?
3. Where would you keep this calf? Would it be on your family farm, or would you have to find a place to house this animal? If the animal would need to be housed on another farm, what is this person's name, phone number, and email address?
4. What are your goals and/or plans for the future?
5. Do you belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club? If you do not, would you like to?
6. What is your county agent's name, phone number, and email address?
7. Give a brief description of your experiences with farming. What are your responsibilities at home?
8. What are your other interests outside of the dairy industry?
9. Are you financially able to fulfill the responsibilities of caring for the calf and transporting her to the various fairs as required by the stated goals of our program?
10. Do you have a support system within your network of family and friends who will encourage you in your project?
11. List the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of 3 references we may contact who are not related to you. Provide a written recommendation from the three referenced and submit with this completed application. We are unable to accept applications that are not complete including references, and properly submitted **electronically** to the email address below.

All applications are due on March 1st this year. NO late applications will be accepted. Please **EMAIL** your application to: Seth and Amber Ripley -- seth.ripley@gmail.com All references should be submitted WITH the application on the same email. **Confirm that your application was received by a followup email. If you do not have access to email, you may contact your FFA advisor or County 4-H agent for them to submit your application**.

Please keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions regarding this application, you may contact someone from the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association, or **Guernsey Youth Advisor, Christel Axtell–607-761-9443 or 607-467-4365.**

Guidelines for Calf Scholarship Winner

To apply for this calf award, you CAN NOT presently own a Guernsey.

1. If you win this calf, you will be ***required* to exhibit it in *at least one* local fair, and also at the New York State Fair for TWO consecutive years**. If you do not exhibit the animal at the required fairs, the New York State Guernsey Breeders will make a determination as to the placement of the calf. Our purpose is to promote the Guernsey Calf Scholarship Program; therefore, exhibition at the fairs is our prime opportunity to fulfill this mission.

    a. The Applicant is responsible to find out **in advance**, the requirements for entering at the local and State shows, including entry deadlines and shot requirements for each show. Your county 4-H agent or FFA agent may assist you.

    b. The Applicant is responsible for bringing their own feed and bedding for their animal to the various fairs, as well as their own food for personal consumption, and offer to help those that they are housed with during fair week.

    c. The New York State Guernsey Breeders would be willing to help arrange transportation for your animal to the New York State Fair; however, the applicant would be responsible for payment of transportation for their animal.

2. Each winner will also be required to fill out a County Achievement Form each spring. Contact needs to be made to the Guernsey Youth Advisor for this form or your County Agent.

3. If problems arise in the raising of this calf, the New York State Guernsey Breeders Calf Scholarship Committee will be called upon to make the appropriate decisions regarding the calf.

4. If you happen to fall on financial hard times during the first two years of caring for this calf, NYSGB has the right to take the animal back. You have the option of placing the animal back in the New York State Spring Sale once the animal becomes of milking age if you do not have the facilities to milk the animal.

5. There will be a follow-up to check on the calf after 6 months until the animal is two years old.

6. If a decision is made by the committee and the board of directors that no applicant is qualified, no calf will be awarded.

Should I, _____ *(print applicant's name)*, be selected as the winner of the Calf Scholarship Award, I understand completely and agree to abide by the rules set forth above by the New York State Guernsey Breeders.

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Applicant's Signature Required Parent's Signature Required