

Drive to Excellence Caleb McGee Memorial Award

This award will be granted to a well-rounded Junior Holstein member, who exhibits excellence both in and out of the show ring. The recipient should show drive, passion, and knowledge for the dairy industry, while constantly looking to improve themselves and their herd.

Caleb McGee was an active member of the dairy industry. He enjoyed participating in many facets of Junior Holstein, including the show ring, judging, and Junior Holstein contests. He was also actively involved in his church, where he would also display his passion for his musical talents. Caleb achieved a high level of success, breeding and developing his herd, Dayspring Holsteins. His bred and owned heifer Dayspring Diamond Jingle was named unanimous All American Winter Yearling in 2018.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Community Service and Outreach:

Applicant will be judged based on the level of involvement within their community in activities that are specifically, and unrelated to the dairy industry. Items such as church activities, school functions, philanthropic initiatives, musical endeavors, etc.

Sportsmanship:

Applicant must show exceptional sportsmanship at all times, and especially in the face of adversity. Applicants will be assessed on their levels of improvement during their junior career, along with their willingness to provide mentorship to younger members.

Herdsmanship:

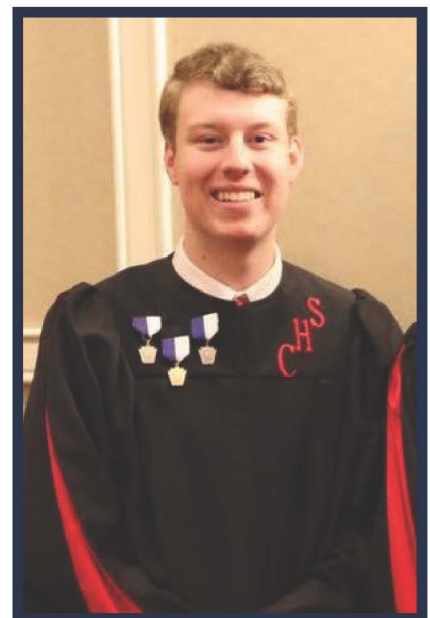
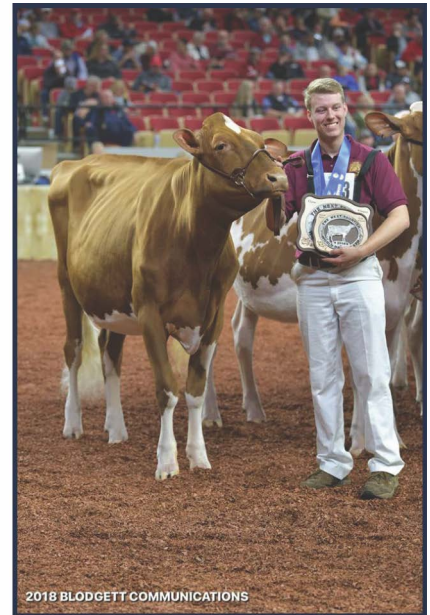
Applicant should display the highest levels of care for their animals and their welfare. Key factors of herdsmanhip should include a strong work ethic and eagerness to present their animals to their highest potential while also showing drive and passion to develop their future herd.

Holstein Related Activities:

Applicant should illustrate their participation in Holstein and/or Red & White Holstein Activities. Such activities can include but are not limited to Holstein shows, dairy bowl, dairy jeopardy, public speaking, etc.

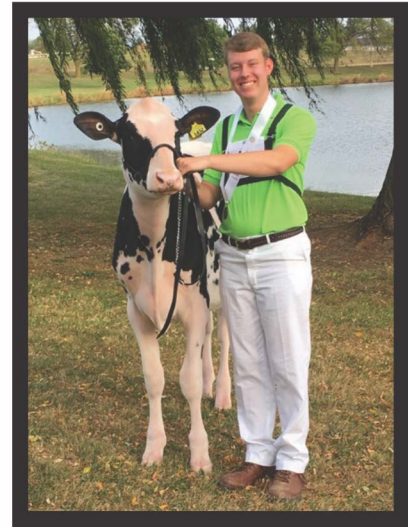
Participation in 4-H, FFA, or Other Dairy Organizations:

Applicant should illustrate their level of commitment and participation in 4-H, FFA, and other dairy organizations. Emphasis will be placed on those who have participated in dairy judging on any level.



GUIDELINES

- Application MUST be submitted by September 1st.
- Applicant must be ages 16-21 by January 1st.
- Applicant must be present at the Premier National Junior show, and be exhibit-ing at least one of their own Holsteins or Red & White Holsteins.
- Partnership animals are permitted
- Previous winners are not eligible
- Selection for the award will be completed by an anonymous committee.
- The award is to be a \$750 cash prize, presented at the Premier National Junior Show.



QUESTIONS

Each question should be well thought out and answered in up to 500 words. Please answer questions in a separate Word document and email with your application.

- What Holstein or Red & White cow do you feel has made the largest impact on the registered Holstein industry, and why?
- Describe a situation in which you have helped another Junior Holstein member at a show or event.
- What non-dairy/agricultural activity has fostered personal growth and prepared you for future educational and employment opportunities?

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

College: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Parents' Name: _____

Number of years working with Registered Holstein projects? _____

Please list breed and age/class of animal(s) that may be shown at PNJS:

Please answer the following on a separate page.

- List 4-H, FFA, or other Ag-related activities
- List Junior Holstein Activities
- List community organization and/or outreach activities

Submit applications by September 1, 2025
to contact@paholsteins.com