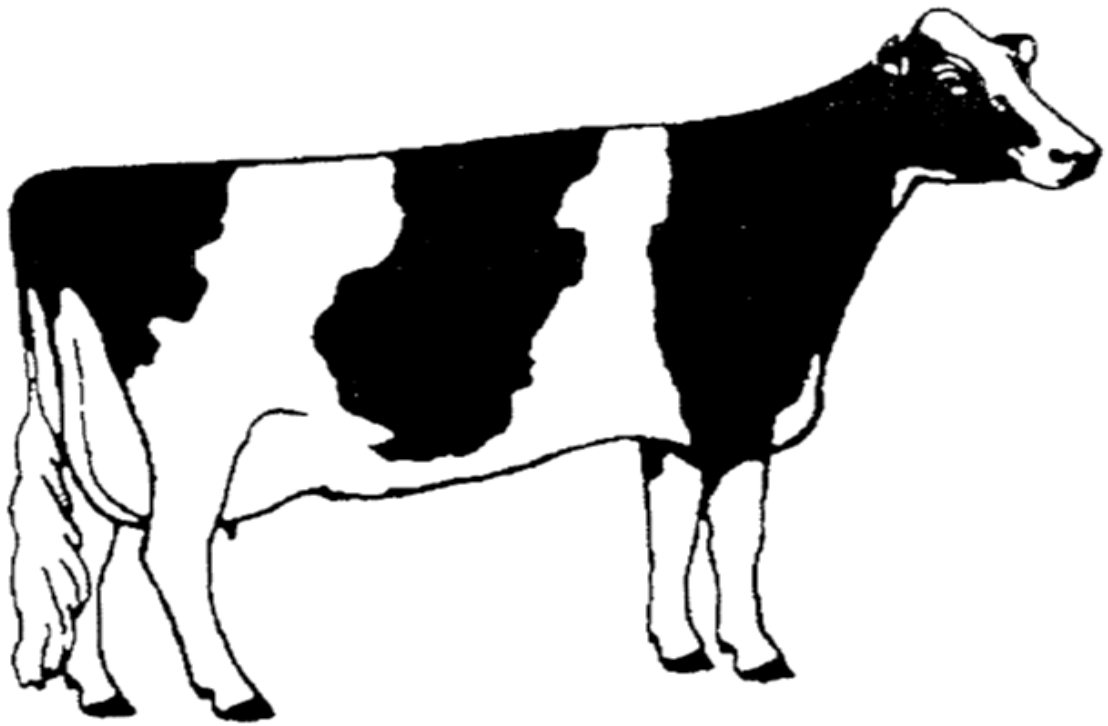


***2021***

***Pennsylvania Holstein  
Association***

***Distinguished Young Holstein  
Breeder***

***Award Application***



## *Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award*

### Purpose:

To recognize significant accomplishments of young Registered Holstein Breeders.

To recognize young Registered Holstein breeders for their commitment to preserving the dairy industry and for achieving excellence in their daily lives.

To motivate other dairy producers to achieve similar goals by creating the awareness of the successes young breeders have had with Registered Holsteins.

### Requirements:

Applicant(s) can nominate themselves, or be nominated.

Applicant(s) must be between the ages of 21 and 40 as of January 1 of the award year and be a member of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and the National Holstein Association. Applicants applying as a couple or as business partners must all meet the age requirements. Herd ownership and/or management responsibility are required and the herd they manage must be on DHIA test.

Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application

Person(s) being nominated by someone other than themselves will be expected to complete the attached application and submit two letter of recommendation.

Employees of the PA Holstein Association or Holstein USA and their immediate families are ineligible to enter

### Application:

Applications are available from the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. Deadline for entries is **December 31, 2020**. Completed applications should be sent to: the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801.

### Recognition:

The winning person or couple will receive a plaque, complimentary tickets to the State Convention banquet and lodging at the State Convention.

**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)

|                                     | 5 YEARS AGO | CURRENT | 5 YEAR GOAL |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| • 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)

|                                | 5 YEARS AGO | CURRENT | 5 YEAR GOAL |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| • 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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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