



**OHIO JUNIOR
AYRSHIRE CLUB**

Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club Winter Newsletter

Advisors Note

Hello all Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club members! While the snow and temperatures fall, here's a newsletter to keep you up to date on club activities, upcoming dairy and Ayrshire events, and interesting Ohio or national Ayrshire news.

We hope to see all of you at some of our upcoming events. If you have any other Ayrshire or dairy-related activities in your area that you think other Ayrshire youth would like to participate in, let us know and we'll add it to our next newsletter.

Best wishes,
Eileen, Junior Club Advisor

Event Short: Ohio Ayrshire Banquet

The 2019 Ohio Ayrshire Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio. The meeting starts at 11:00, followed by lunch and the remainder of the meeting, awards, and elections. Juniors will split off for a junior meeting after lunch.

Please RSVP by filling out and sending in the registration form, found at www.ohioayrshire.com

At the Junior meeting, officers will be elected, and the Ohio Ayrshire Queen and Princess will be crowned. **If you are interested in running for Ohio Ayrshire Queen or Princess, please fill out the attached application and return it to Eileen Gress by February 1.** If you do not fill out an application for Queen or Princess, you will not be able to run. An application for Ohio Ayrshire Queen and Princess has been included in every mailing of this newsletter, so if you know of a friend or neighbor who qualifies to run, please pass it along.

Also at this meeting, we will be deciding on awards for Spring Dairy Expo and the Ohio State Fair. Please bring ideas, photos, or suggestions for class awards as well as Junior, Senior, and Grand Champions. We will also be deciding on items to auction off at the Spring Dairy Expo Ayrshire sale. If you will not be in attendance but have ideas, please send them to Eileen.

Upcoming Events

Ohio Ayrshire Banquet
February 9, 2019
Plain City, Ohio

Ohio Spring Dairy Expo
March 28-30, 2019
Columbus, Ohio

National Ayrshire Convention
July 2-5, 2019
Buffalo, New York

APPLY NOW: National Ayrshire Youth Applications

Without the hustle and bustle of show and fair season, winter and spring are the perfect time to work on scholarship and award applications. Spending a few hours working on an application can earn youth \$500 or more - especially if those few hours are spent applying for the National Ayrshire Youth Scholarship.

Every year, the US Ayrshire Breeders Association awards one \$500 scholarship to a deserving Ayrshire youth. To receive consideration for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have been a Junior Member in good standing with the Ayrshire Breeders' Association for the past five years.
- Be planning or currently majoring in a post-secondary agricultural program.
- Be a high school senior or currently enrolled in a two- or four-year institution of higher learning, with documentation from that institution.
- Be between the ages of 16-21 by December 31 of the contest year.
- Submit a copy of your high school and/or college transcript.
- Submit a summary of your career goals and aspirations relating to your area of study.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from your school's guidance counselor, teacher or other school official, FFA advisor, 4-H leader or a National ABA adult member (or any individual of your choice except a family member)

In addition to the National Ayrshire Youth Scholarship, youth of all ages can create and submit their National Ayrshire Record Books for recognition and a cash prize. Record books are a way for youth to show the knowledge and experience they have gained through their work with Ayrshires, and can serve as a way to remember their years of work in 4-H and FFA with their favorite cows. Complete contest rules and guidelines for submission can be found by visiting the link below.

There are four divisions for the Record Book contest:

- Beginner - 8 years old or under
- Junior - 9-12 years old
- Intermediate - 13-15 years old
- Senior - 16-21 years old

All ages as of January 1, 2019

Submitting an application for the National Ayrshire Youth Scholarship or the Record Book contest will count as points toward outstanding member awards, and winning either of these contests will count as additional points. Show off your hard work with Ayrshires and earn money and recognition by competing in these contests!

Applications can be found online at
<http://www.usayrshire.com/youthapplication.html>

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2019 to
Ayrshire Breeders' Association
1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd, Columbus, OH 43228

Email Eileen Gress (eileencgress@gmail.com) if you have questions.