

*Distinguished Young  
Holstein Breeder Award  
Application*

**2013**



# *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 awareness of the successes young breeders have with Registered Holsteins.

## **Requirements:**

- Applicant(s) can nominate themselves, or be nominated.
- The nominee(s) must be between the ages of 21 and 40 (as of December 31, 2012) and be a member of Holstein Association USA, Inc. 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 application.
- Person(s) being nominated by someone other than themselves will be expected to complete the attached application and submit two letters of recommendation.
- Employees of the Holstein Association USA, Inc. and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

## **Applications:**

Applications are available from the national office or the state associations.

Your submission must be postmarked no later than **February 28** of the contest year and sent to:

Holstein Association USA, Inc.  
Attention: 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, complimentary tickets to the convention banquet, a \$2,000 cash award and the Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder plaque.

# Personal Information

**Name(s) and Age(s):**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children (names & ages):**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Nominated by:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City

State

Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Part One: Herd Information

40 points

List the herd information that reflects the statistics of your herd at the age you assumed ownership and management responsibilities. Also list your current information and 3 to 5 year goals.

## I. Herd Statistics

(10 points)

A. Herd Size	When you assumed ownership	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
100% RHA Cows	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<100% RHA Cows	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Basic ID Cows	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Other Cows	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
B. Rolling Herd Average	When you assumed ownership	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Times milked per day	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Pounds of Milk	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Pounds of Fat	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Pounds of True Protein	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
C. Production Efficiency		Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Production cost per cwt. milk shipped		<hr/>	<hr/>
D. Reproduction Efficiency			
Average calving interval		<hr/>	<hr/>
Average days to first breeding		<hr/>	<hr/>
Average services/conception		<hr/>	<hr/>
E. Culling			
Total % herd removals (as a % of total herd)			
A. Voluntary		<hr/>	<hr/>
B. Involuntary		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total herd removals		100%	100%

**F. Average Somatic Cell Count (or Score)**

First lactation cows

Second &amp; later lactation cows

**Current Level****3-5 Year Goal****G. Average Days Dry**

First lactation cows

Second &amp; later lactation cows

**H. First Lactation Heifers**

Average age at first calving

Average weight at calving

**I. Program Usage**

Identification Method

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Tag ID

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Photos

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Sketches

**Yes****No**

Computer Herd Management Program

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If yes, which program?

**Yes****No**

Holstein COMPLETE

☐☐

EASY

☐☐

Red Book Plus/MultiMate

☐☐

DairyVision

☐☐

Sire Summaries

☐☐

TriStar

☐☐

If yes, which option?

**II. Herd Breeding Program****(10 points)****A. Average genetic level of your milking herd. List these values or others you place emphasis on.**

Cows' TPI

Cows' NM\$

Other Traits (List)

**Current Level****3-5 Year Goal**

**B. Average genetic level of service sires. List these values or others you place emphasis on.**

	Current Level	3-5 Year Goal
Service Sire TPI	_____	_____
Service Sire NM\$	_____	_____
Other Traits (List)		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**III. Herd Performance**

(20 points)

**A. Herd Classification**

When you assumed  
ownership

Current Level

3-5 Year Goal

Number of cows	_____	_____	_____
BAA	_____	_____	_____
Number of Cows Scored:			
Excellent	_____	_____	_____
Very Good	_____	_____	_____
Good Plus	_____	_____	_____
Good	_____	_____	_____
Fair	_____	_____	_____
Poor	_____	_____	_____

**B. Herd Recognition**

Number of Years Received

Progressive Breeders Registry	_____
Progressive Genetic Herd Award	_____

**C. Individual Cow Recognition**

Number of Awards Earned

Gold Medal Dam	_____
Dam of Merit	_____
State & National Leader List	_____
Lifetime Production (>200,000)	_____

**D. Other Achievements****Number of Animals**

Cows on current Locator List

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Bulls sold to A.I.

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**E. Percentage of income derived from:**

Selling Registered Holstein genetics

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Percentage of income from milk sales

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## Part Two: Management Practices & Goals

**60 points**

**Narrative Report:** Attach your answers to the following questions. Please be descriptive and complete in your answer.

- A. Explain how you originally acquired your herd, including means used to provide the necessary financing. (5 points)
- B. What management practices, relative to nutrition, did you implement to accomplish your herd's current production level? What nutrition enhancements do you anticipate utilizing in the future to achieve your per cow production goal? Please include an actual ration fed to a specific group of cows (high or low producers, or dry cows), pounds fed and method in which cows are fed (TMR, top dress, etc.). (10 points)
- C. What previous breeding decisions influenced your herd's current levels of type and production? Also explain how your current breeding program will help you achieve your future goals for type and production. (20 points)
- D. Describe the management techniques you've implemented that have proven successful in increasing your herd's reproductive efficiency and maintaining high quality milk. (10 points)
- E. How has your investment in Registered Holsteins been financially beneficial? What impact will Registered Holsteins have on your future? (10 points)
- F. List and discuss your community and dairy involvement. How do you plan to make a difference in the future? Why do you feel it is important to be a volunteer? (5 points)