



103RD ALL-AMERICAN HOLSTEIN CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

ELIGIBILITY

1. All animals that have been shown in the U.S. during the 2025 show season are eligible.
2. All-American Group Class Entries – In the Open All-American contest, Cowsmopolitan accepts the group entries as shown in the ring. Therefore, any entry that is shown and placed at a qualifying show will be eligible for the contest in the class.
3. **Exhibitor must be in good standing with Cowsmopolitan.**

ENTRY FORM & REGISTRY CERTIFICATE

It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to submit a signed, completed entry form for each animal or group in order for it to be considered for All-American Nomination. Entry forms are available online at Cowsmo.com and are available on request from the Cowsmopolitan office and staff. Please list placings from all shows. Placings will be verified. **A photocopy of the Registration Certificate for the animal being entered must accompany the entry form. Ownership of animal at deadline date will be the ownership published in the All-American issue.**

PHOTOGRAPHS

Together with a completed entry form, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to secure and supply a full-color professional backdrop photo of each animal entered in the contest. Pictures must be taken during the current year and show the animal in the same stage of growth and/or lactation as when making the qualifying show ring appearance.

It is encouraged that all photos be submitted electronically either from the livestock photographer or the exhibitor to **allamericancontest@gmail.com**.

CONTEST PROCEDURE

A Nominating Committee of up to seven judges will consider the photographs and placings of eligible animals for which an entry form has been received. The top six entries in each class are chosen for Nomination. These Nominations are submitted to the All-American Panel for voting. The panel is made up of the judges of the leading shows in the current season.

The panel members vote separately by mail and indicate in each class their first, second, and third choice. Point values are assigned as follows: Each first place vote, 7 points; second place, 3 points; and third place, 1 point. By simple arithmetic, the award of All-American and Reserve All-American are determined in order of total points.

CLASSES IN COMPETITION (21)

- Spring Heifer Calf born March – May 2025
- Winter Heifer Calf born December 2024 – February 2025
- Fall Heifer Calf born September – November 2024
- Summer Yearling Heifer born June – August 2024
- Spring Yearling Heifer born March – May 2024
- Winter Yearling Heifer born December 2023 – February 2024
- Fall Yearling Heifer born September – November 2023
- *Milking Yearling born after August 2023
- *Summer Junior 2-Year-Old Cow born June – August 2023
- *Spring Junior 2-Year-Old Cow born March – May 2023
- *Winter Senior 2-Year-Old Cow born December 2022 – February 2023
- *Fall Senior 2-Year-Old Cow born September – November 2022
- Junior 3-Year-Old Cow born March – August 2022
- Senior 3-Year-Old Cow born September 2021 – February 2022
- 4-Year-Old Cow born September 2020 – August 2021
- 5-Year-Old Cow born September 2019 – August 2020
- 6-Year-Old and Older Cow Prior to September 2019
- ** Lifetime Production Cow
- Produce of Dam (two females, any age, that are maternal sisters)
- Junior Best Three Females (Group to consist of three females born on or after 9/1/23 which have not yet calved. Each must have been bred, all or in part, by its exhibitor.)
- Senior Best Three Females (Group to consist of three milking age females all who have been bred, all or in part, by their exhibitor.)

*List only placings from the class entered in the contest. In no case will the same animal be eligible for different milking classes in the same year.

**To be eligible for this class, the cow must qualify in a Lifetime Production class. List only placings from the class entered in the contest. In no case will the same animal be eligible for the Lifetime Production class and the Aged Cow class in the same year.

Group classes – Individual photos of each of the animals entered in a group must be taken during the current contest year and submitted with the group entry.

NOMINATION FEE

Color photographs of all animals nominated in each class will be presented in the All-American issue of Cowsmopolitan released in January 2026. Exhibitors who have entries selected for nomination will be required to pay a nomination fee of \$150 per animal/group nominated within three days of notification.

Upon notification of nomination, exhibitor will be responsible to provide a valid credit card number against which the fee will be charged. Judges will select an alternate nominee in each class, which will be substituted if the fee is not submitted for a nomination.

An advertisement placed in the Late Winter 2026 or Spring 2026 issue of Cowsmopolitan will waive nomination fees from the contest.

Please submit all entries and pictures by November 14, 2025

For animals exhibiting at later shows, their additional placings will be added to the entry form.

Mail: All-American Contest, Attn: Kathleen; 866 161st Street, Hammond, WI 54015

Email: allamericancontest@gmail.com // Online entry forms available at www.cowsmo.com