

BROWN SWISS ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR

2010 SCHOLARSHIP/ANIMAL-PURCHASE GRANT

The Brown Swiss Association of the U.S.A. will annually award a \$1000 scholarship or grant. Additional scholarships are being sponsored by New Generation Genetics, Pixie Knoll Farm, and the Howard Voegeli Memorial Fund.

Scholarships will be awarded to youth pursuing a degree in an agriculture or a dairy-related field. If the winners are not attending college, the grant will apply toward the purchase of a registered Brown Swiss. Applicants are encouraged to reapply each year.

Requirements of Application

1. The applicant must be at least a senior in high school and not yet 22 by January 1, 2010.
2. The applicant must have been a National Brown Swiss Member for at least three years, including the current year.

If applying for a scholarship:

1. The applicant must show proof of acceptance for the fall term at an institute for higher education (beyond high school) or transcript of grades from past term if already attending college.
2. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in an agriculture or a dairy-related field.

If applying for a grant to purchase a Brown Swiss animal:

1. The applicant must show proof of building a registered Brown Swiss herd in one of the following ways:
 - A. Submit a copy of a current DHI herd test sheet showing applicant's name as herd owner or co-owner or
 - B. Submit a signed affidavit from county or state extension personnel, FFA advisor or Brown Swiss field representative or state secretary/treasurer who has visited the farm and viewed the herd.
2. The grant will be applied toward the purchase of a registered Brown Swiss.

General Rules and Judging Procedures:

1. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2010, and mailed to the Brown Swiss Association, c/o Scholarship/Grant Program, 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI 53511-5456.
2. Applications will be screened by Brown Swiss Association staff members for compliance.
3. Final selection of the winner will be made by three (3) professionals from the Brown Swiss and/or dairy industry.
4. The recipient of the award will be announced during the 2010 national annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky..
5. There is no restriction of what may be awarded each year, i.e. it may be a scholarship or a grant. The award will be presented to the committee's choice of the most deserving.
6. The scholarship will be awarded upon completion of the term following announcement of the winner and after the national office receives transcript of grades, and the applicant finished the term in good standing.
7. The grant will be awarded when proof of sale and transfer application showing the junior as a new owner reaches the national office. Payment will be made directly to the seller or sales management handling the sale. Registration papers will be released to the buyer once all payments are made.
8. A junior may receive a scholarship or grant from the Brown Swiss Association only one time.

Please note when filling in the application:

Some of the questions may be skipped depending on if you are applying for a scholarship or a grant. The pages that may be skipped will have a line to be marked on top. Only that page which is marked may be skipped. This award is very competitive. Sometimes it can come down to details you have provided to decide who is the best candidate.

Have you reread your application for errors? Is all the requested information included - transcripts of grades, letters of recommendation? Are all blank lines filled in? If you have requested that your school send your grades directly to us or if the person writing your recommendation is sending it directly to us, do some follow up and make sure they are sent. Any of these details could make a difference in the judges' final decision.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

Telephone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Year became National Junior Member: _____

Applying for: _____ Scholarship _____ Grant Office ID# _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Office ID#: _____

Year purchased first registered Brown Swiss: _____

Current number of Brown Swiss owned: _____

Years enrolled in: FFA _____ 4-H _____

Please list Brown Swiss activities or contests participated in along with number of years.

High school or community activities along with number of years:

Prominent awards won: (example: state or national Brown Swiss, FFA or 4-H awards, special school or community awards such as valedictorian, American Legion Citizenship Award, etc.)

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College activities (if already attending):

College or technical school attending or planning to attend:

Major area of study: _____

Degree attempting to receive: _____

Expected completion date: _____

If already in college or technical school, please list classes currently enrolled in:

In 300-500 words, please describe your career goals and plans:

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More modern farms are beginning to increase their overall herd size. In about 250 words, explain how you feel about the Brown Swiss breed's ability to compete with other dairy breeds in a large herd setting.

Which current Brown Swiss junior program do you think contributes the most to your development and why?

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Number of Brown Swiss currently owned:

Cows _____ Bred Heifers _____ Open Heifers & Calves _____

Other breeds:

Cows _____ Bred Heifers _____ Open Heifers & Calves _____

On official test: _____ Yes _____ No Classify: _____ Yes _____ No

Describe in about 200 words your current operation. (Alone or partnership, dairy facilities, feed source, breed practices, etc.)

As a breeder of registered Brown Swiss, what is a challenge facing dairy farmers today, and how would the Brown Swiss breed help overcome that challenge?

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In about 500 words, describe your 5 and 10 year plans and goals for your herd.

Please be sure to include the following with your application:

All applicants must include one recommendation of under 300 words written by a county or state extension personnel or high school or college instructor.

Those applying for a scholarship must include a copy of acceptance for fall term, or if already attending college, transcript of grades for last term showing proof of being a student in good standing. (Note: In awarding the scholarship, financial need or grades will not be a factor.)

If applying for a grant, you must show proof of building a herd by enclosing one of the following:

1. Copy of DHI test sheet showing applicant as herd owner or co-owner of herd or
2. Signed affidavit from county or state extension personnel, FFA advisor or Brown Swiss area representative or secretary-treasurer who has visited the farm and viewed the herd.

To my knowledge, all of the above information provided and enclosed is correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____