

Brown Swiss Youth Newsletter

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Mission Statement; Brown Swiss Junior Activities

The purpose of the youth programs of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association of the USA is to provide experiences for junior members to expand their knowledge of the dairy industry and Brown Swiss Cattle.

- The Bell Ringer program is to provide opportunities for youth to compare animal type and conformation.
- The Production and Cheese Yield contests encourage youth to develop sound and profitable animals.
- The Youth Achievement program provides recognition for youth to develop productive cattle and positive leadership skills.
- The Ambassador program allows youth to develop speaking, organization, and public relation skills.
- The Scholarship/Grant program is to assist in the education of youth and/or herd growth by youth ownership.

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We want to showcase our youth on our website, in the Brown Swiss Bulletin, the 2018 Youth Slide Show during the National Convention and on our Facebook page! So please send us your pictures from the 2017 Junior Shows! They can be candid's, from the backdrop or just a group of Brown Swiss Youth hanging out!

Attend the 2018 National Convention in
Coralville, IA June 27-30

Junior Bell Ringer Contest – Entries Due December 1st

The National Junior Bell Ringer Program provides an opportunity for juniors across the country to participate in a national activity. It recognizes outstanding Junior-owned or leased animals exhibited at the junior's canton show and/or any other designated qualifying junior shows.

** Juniors entering the Bell Ringer Contest must submit a professional 5 X 7 untouched color photo of their animal, along with the animal's show placings.*

**Visit www.brownswissusa.com for more information*



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Youth Program Contest Deadlines

March 31, 2018 - Youth Achievement, Jr. Youth Achievement, Ambassador, Cheese Yield, Production, Scholarship and Grant Applications are due to the Brown Swiss Office, either by mail or emailed to kbrown-meier@brownswissusa.com. All applications can be found online at www.brownswissusa.com. *Please remember each youth contest participant needs to include a biography page and five photos.*

June 1, 2018 – Junior Leases due to office

August 1, 2018 – Ownership/Transfers to youth need to be completed to be eligible to exhibit in National Shows as a junior.

Questions or Requests?

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&
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Youth Program Highlights

Ambassador- Any junior age 16-21 as of January 1st with interest in being the spokesperson for the Brown Swiss Association.

Bell Ringer- Photo & Show Placing contest of junior-owned or leased animals. State Association select state winners within their state and national winners are selected by a panel of national show judges.

Production & Cheese Yield- These contests are based on the production of cows owned by Junior Members. Cows **must** be on DHI or DHIR to be eligible.

Scholarship- Award of \$1,000 or \$500 for a college scholarship. Additional scholarships are offered.

Grant- Award of \$1,000 towards purchasing a Brown Swiss Animal.

Youth Achievement- The ultimate award for ages 16-21 reflecting their cattle and youth program participation.

Jr. Youth Achievement- For ages 9-15.

Junior Lease Program- The National Brown Swiss Association lease program will provide the opportunity for both non-farm youth and youth from farms with other dairy breeds to work with registered Brown Swiss.