



Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association

2026 Young Breeder Award

The **Young Breeder Award** recognizes an individual or member and spouse who has shown expertise in dairy farming and Brown Swiss cattle breeding, participated in Association programs and events, and held leadership roles in the community, both in agricultural and non-agricultural organizations.

Guidelines: Candidate must not exceed 40 years of age as of **January 1, 2026**; be an active member for at least 5 years; have been nominated by a state officer, or in states with no association, by a five-year active national member. (There is no limit on the number of entries from each state or district) Nominee must submit 6-8 photographs for use in the national convention slideshow.

Selection: The Selection Committee will consist of industry representatives who will rank nominees and assess points. The nominee with the lowest score will receive the Young Breeder Award. *Ex: (1st Choice = 1 point, 2nd Choice = 2 points, 3rd Choice = 3 points, etc.)* Individuals not chosen may be re-nominated in the future. Winners may not reapply.

Award: The winner will be recognized at the national annual meeting, be featured on the website and/or the Brown Swiss Bulletin, and receive a plaque and free registration to convention activities, not including lodging expenses.

Nominator: The person making the nomination must be a state association officer or a five-year active national member in states without an association and must write a short statement indicating why they feel the nominee should receive the award.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

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To be filled out by Nominator:

I recommend the following person(s) _____ for the **2026** Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association Young Breeder Award. Please include an attached statement regarding why you feel this nominee should receive the award.

Signature (State Officer or National Member)

State

Date _____

This completed nomination form should be sent to:

**Young Breeder Award
Brown Swiss Association
800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI 53511-5466**

Young Breeder Award Application

Please email application to **ahorn@brownswissusa.com**, subject line: Young Breeder Application. Attach photos individually as .jpg and include captions. You may send a hard copy of the application, but an email version is also required for use in press releases and at the National Convention.

Name of Applicant(s) _____ Date(s) of Birth _____

Farm Name _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Street Address and/or Rural Route and Box Number _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

of years owned Brown Swiss: _____

of Brown Swiss currently owned: _____

Rolling Herd Average (lbs): _____ Milk _____ lbs Fat _____ lbs Pro _____ #cows _____

Date: _____

Production Test Type: BSA (DHIR) _____ DHIA _____ OS _____

Year Herd began testing _____

Year Herd began classifying _____

Percent of herd bred to A.I. Young Sires? _____

Last Year _____

Five Years Ago _____

Nominee Signature (individual)

Spouse Signature (if included)

Mark an X by BSCBA programs you participate in:

_____ Brown Swiss Bulletin Subscriber/Advertiser

_____ Identity Enrollment

_____ Consignment Sales

_____ National Shows

_____ BEST

_____ National Convention

Please answer the following questions:

1. Tell us about your family, farm operation and how the family is involved in the farm. Explain the history of your farm and the facilities.

2. What are your responsibilities on the Dairy? What is your ownership in the dairy today?

3. List names and other information about prominent Brown Swiss you have bred (i.e., cattle that have distinguished themselves in nominee's herd or other herds, including state production winners, herd-mate deviations, classification scores, PPR cows, national production awards, All-Americans, etc.).

4. With the many options available for breeding choices, how do you select your matings?

5. List leadership roles or offices the nominee has held in Brown Swiss, agriculture, civic, or church organizations. Please include the year, organization, and offices held.

6. List any special awards, honors, or recognition you/ farm have received.

7. What are your personal goals for the future and your goals for your Brown Swiss herd?

8. How would you convince a non-Brown Swiss breeder to purchase Brown Swiss, and how would you convince them to participate in the Association programs and services?

9. How did you become involved in Brown Swiss?

10. List the name and address of local newspaper(s) or farm publications.

11. Please attach 6-8 photos of your family, farm, cows, hobbies, farm sign, etc., in a .jpg digital format with captions.