

American Hampshire Sheep Association

2016 Scholarship Program

Purpose:

The American Hampshire Sheep Association offers scholarship(s) to junior Hampshire members to reward their work as Hampshire breeders and to encourage participation in Hampshire activities. The scholarship is available to any American Hampshire Sheep Association member (junior or senior) who is pursuing a college education following high school graduation and who has not passed their 21st birthday as of January 1, 2016

Scholarship Information:

Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis. The number of scholarships and the scholarship value will be reviewed annually by the AHSA Scholarship Committee (Youth Advisory Board). The AHSA Scholarship Committee will select a non-bias committee to review and rank the scholarship applications. Announcement of the Scholarship winner(s) will be announced prior to the Annual Meeting of the AHSA held annually in November in Louisville, KY.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Applicants must be either an active member of the American Hampshire Sheep Association (either a junior or senior member) or an immediate family member whose parents are members of the AHSA. Applicant must be an active member of the American Hampshire Sheep Association for a minimum of 5 years.
- Applicants must not have passed their 21st birthday as of January 1, 2016
- Applicants must be enrolled and in good standing at a college, university or technical school as of September 1st and must intend to enroll in classes at that school the next semester following the application deadline.
- Eligible members may re-apply for the scholarship if they meet the eligibility requirements for the application year.
- Applications will not be accepted from previous AHSA scholarship winners.
- Employees of the AHSA and their family members are not eligible to apply for the AHSA scholarship.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Hampshire experiences and achievements – 50%
- Leadership, school activities, community involvement – 30%
- Essay – 20%

Application Process:

- Applicant must complete the application for and submit the form per the instructions provided below. Application forms can be found on the AHSA website, or by contacting the AHSA office.
- Applications may be submitted either electronically or sent via the mail.
- A copy of the most recent school transcript must be included when submitting the scholarship application. If first semester freshman, attach proof of enrollment and high school transcript. Transcripts may also be sent electronically.
- All applications submitted must include the AHSA scholarship application form, summary and essay, along with transcripts. Applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted no earlier than June 1st and no later than October 1st to:

AHSA Scholarship
PO Box 231
Wamego, Kansas 66547
Email: asregistry@gmail.com

Scholarship winners will be notified by November 1st.

Scholarship winners who are able to attend will be recognized during the AHSA annual meeting. The 2016 AHSA annual meeting will be held in Louisville, KY during the North American International Livestock Exposition.

Summaries and Essay:

- Submit a brief summary of your sheep related activities. Include information about leadership roles, volunteer work, honors and awards as a member of 4-H, FFA or other agriculture related youth groups.
- Submit a brief summary of your non-sheep related activities. Include information about leadership roles, volunteer work, honors and awards.
- Submit a brief summary describing your experiences as a Hampshire breeder. Information should include when you first started raising Hampshire sheep; size of flock; management responsibilities; marketing strategies; involvement and achievements in shows (local, state, regional, national) and form of participation (i.e.: market lambs, breeding sheep, lead class, skill-a-thon, promotional contests, fleeces, sale committee, show volunteer); and any other venues you have used to promote Hampshire sheep.
- Submit an essay in response to the following question: What have your experiences related to raising Hampshire sheep taught you that will help you to achieve your career goals?
- Fill out the information below and submit a picture to be used when the winners are selected.

Applicant's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Current Year in School: _____

School you are currently attending: _____

Number of years that you have raised or showed Hampshires: _____

