

**MILKING SHORTHORN ESSAY CONTEST
FOR 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS
POLICY STATEMENT BY THE OKLAHOMA/ARKANSAS MILKING SHORTHORN
BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of this contest is to encourage the growth and development of Milking Shorthorn cattle principally through the 4-H and FFA programs in Oklahoma and Arkansas. One registered Milking Shorthorn heifer will be awarded. Juniors who do not own Milking Shorthorn cattle are eligible, as are juniors who own Milking Shorthorn cattle. Previous winners are not eligible to apply. This is to encourage new 4-H and FFA members to breed and develop Milking Shorthorns. Also, contest winners will be required to breed the heifer to a registered Milking Shorthorn bull. Winners are expected to present a report on the progress of their heifer at the annual winter meeting of Oklahoma/Arkansas breeders. This report may be given orally, or a written report sent to the breed secretary if the winner is unable to be present.

Contestants must not be in their junior or senior year of high school as there is a required two (2) year period of ownership during which the winner must compete as a junior showman twice each year in major Oklahoma Dairy Shows. Arkansas winner would show in (2) Arkansas State Junior Dairy Shows.

If during the required two (2) year period of ownership the contest winner should withdraw from participation in the 4-H/FFA program, or fail to meet the requirement as stated in the contract, the Milking Shorthorn breeder of the heifer calf has the option to repurchase said calf from the youth at an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Contestants' essays must be in their own handwriting accompanied by a completed agreement form. The heifer will be awarded to the winner of the essay contest during the summer at the OKLAHOMA Milking Shorthorn field day.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

TITLE OF ESSAY: Why I want to own a Registered Milking Shorthorn Heifer.

LENGTH OF ESSAY: Not to exceed 400 words

WHO MAY ENTER: Any 4-H/FFA member in Oklahoma or Arkansas not in their junior or senior year of high school.

CONTEST DEADLINE: May 1, (MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE)
NO EXCEPTIONS

MAIL ESSAY AND COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO:

Carol Melson
345975 East 930 RD
Chandler, OK 74834
QUESTIONS: 405-258-1034

School Attended:

Grade:

Mailing Address:

Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

Name of 4-H Club/FFA Chapter:

Name of 4-H Club Leader /FFA Advisor

Contestants must answer the following questions. Please print legibly.

1. Do you now live on a farm?
 - a. Dairy, beef or other
 - b. Breed of livestock
2. If you do not live on a farm, will you have a place to keep the heifer?
3. How much pasture/grazing space would you have for the heifer?
4. What type of feeding program will you follow?
5. Have you raised livestock before? If yes, what type
6. If known, what are your future plans concerning dairy cattle?
7. What are your plans for this heifer after she has her first calf and comes into production?

AGREEMENT FORM

OKLAHOMA/ARKANSAS MILKING SHORTHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I fully understand that if I am selected as the winner of this essay contest, that over a two year period of time I will be required each year to enter the calf in at least two (2) of their major state shows.

Oklahoma has 4 State Shows, (i.e., Sooner State, Stillwater, Spring Dairy Show, Oklahoma City, State Fair of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa Oklahoma. Arkansas Winner would be required to show in (2) State Dairy shows in Arkansas. I also understand that I may not sell this calf or otherwise transfer ownership of said calf during this two year period of time unless the sale or transfer is back to the original owner.

Signature of Contestant

APPROVED BY:

Signature of Contestant's Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATION

The above named youth is an active, full-fledged member of the

Name of 4-H Club/FFA Chapter

City/Town

State

Signature of 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor