

MDGA OUTSTANDING YOUTH NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Contestants must be sponsored by a dairy goat club, farm, business organization, or family.
2. A sponsorship fee of \$10.00 shall accompany the application. Applications are due June 30, 2009. Applications are to be sent to Diana Miels, 23308 190th St. NW, Big Lake, MN 55309 or dmiels@aol.com. If you have questions, call Diana at 763-786-8255.
3. Contestants must reside in the State of Minnesota. The only exception will be those contestants who live outside the state for the sole purpose of being a full-time student.
4. Contestants must be between 16 and 19 years of age as of January 1 of the year they will serve.
5. Contestants or a parent of the contestant must be a member of the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association.
6. Contestants must be knowledgeable about dairy goats and be able to milk a goat.
7. A written application is required and the "Outstanding Youth" Selection Committee will conduct an oral interview to determine a winner.
8. The MDGA agrees to underwrite the mileage one-way, from home to any association-sponsored function the Outstanding Youth is required to attend.
9. The winner and runner-up will be announced in July, as soon as the selection is made. The outstanding Youth will officiate at the Minnesota State Fair Open Dairy Goat Show. In the event that the winner is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the runner-up will assume the responsibilities.
10. The selected Outstanding Youth and runner-up must wear an official name badge when acting in official capacity.
11. The selected Outstanding Youth must present an oral year-end report at the Fall General Membership meeting.
12. An award of a \$200.00 scholarship or a \$200.00 stipend towards attendance of ADGA National Convention will be awarded the winner.

The representative will be chosen by the Selection Committee based on his/her interest in the dairy goat industry, personality, two recommendations written by persons other than a family member and a resume written by the contestant. The candidate's resume should include name, address, age, interests, hobbies, a short history of dairy goat involvement and a recent photograph.

Outstanding Youth Duties

1. Assist with the State Fair Youth Committee activities and officiate at Minnesota State Fair goat shows.
2. Promote and assist with the youth "I Milked a Goat" booth at the Minnesota State Fair.
3. Assist with awards at the Minnesota State Fair Open Show awards ceremony.
4. Dairy promotions: Newspaper articles or speaking on local radio stations.
5. If the contestant is sponsored by the MDGA to attend the ADGA Annual Convention, the participant must participate in ADGA Youth Contest.

Outstanding Youth Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

e-mail _____ Grade Next Fall: _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Hobbies:

School and Community activities: _____

Number of Years in 4-H or FFA: _____

Projects involved and how many years: _____

Other Club Activities: _____

Participation in and Contribution to 4-H and FFA: _____

How many years have you been involved with the MDGA and or ADGA? : _____

What is your MDGA involvement? : _____

What breeds do you raise and how many goats do you have? : _____

What could you contribute to the MDGA youth? : _____

Why do you want to become the MDGA outstanding youth? : _____
