

MDGA OUTSTANDING YOUTH NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Contestants must be between 16 and 19 years of age as of January 1 of the year they will serve.
2. 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.
3. Contestants or a parent of the contestant must be a member of the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association.
4. Contestants must be sponsored by a dairy goat club, farm, business organization, or family
5. Contestants must be knowledgeable about dairy goats.
6. A written application is required and a sponsorship fee of \$10.00 shall accompany the application. The candidate must submit a resume, which includes their name, address, age, interests, hobbies, a short history of dairy goat involvement and a recent photograph. Applications are due May 30, 2012.
7. Applications are to be sent to Tracy Hunt; 15382 165th Ave NE; Foley, MN 56329 or mthmom@jetup.net. If you have questions, call Tracy at 320-355-2628.
8. A Selection Committee will conduct an oral interview to determine a winner. The representative will be chosen based on their interest in the dairy goat industry, personality, their resume and two recommendations written by persons other than a family member.
9. The winner and a runner-up will be announced as soon as the selection is made.

Outstanding Youth Duties

1. Assist the State Fair Youth Committee.
2. The outstanding Youth will represent the MDGA at the Minnesota State Fair Youth and Open Dairy Goat Shows, and other regional shows as they are able.
3. Assist with awards ceremonies at the Minnesota State Fair Shows.
4. Promote and assist with the youth at the MDGA's "I Milked a Goat" booth at the Minnesota State Fair.
5. Provide dairy promotions through newspaper articles, radio interviews, and other media, or attending and/or speaking at special events as requested.
6. The Outstanding Youth and runner-up must wear an official name badge when acting in official capacity.
7. The selected Outstanding Youth must present an oral year-end report at the Fall General Membership meeting.
9. The MDGA agrees to underwrite the mileage one-way, from home to any association-sponsored function that the Outstanding Youth is asked or required to attend.
8. If the Outstanding Youth attends the ADGA Annual Convention, the MDGA will sponsor them, but they must participate in the ADGA Youth Contest.
10. A \$250.00 scholarship or a \$250.00 stipend towards ADGA National Convention attendance will be provided.

In the event that the winner is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the runner-up will assume the responsibilities.

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 and/or FFA:

Projects Involved (include number of years):

Participation In and Contribution to 4-H and/or FFA:

Other Club Activities:

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?