



2009 Scholarship Program

Purpose

The American Southdown Breeders' Association offers scholarships to junior Southdown members to reward their work as Southdown breeders and to encourage participation in Southdown activities. The Scholarship is available to any American Southdown Breeders' Association junior member who is pursuing an education after high school.

Scholarship Information

Three scholarships, each in the amount of \$600, are being offered in 2009.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a junior member of the American Southdown Breeders' Association.
2. Applicant must be age 21 or under as of January 1, 2009.
3. Applicant must be enrolled and in good standing at a college, university or technical school as of October 1, 2009, and must intend to enroll in classes at that school the next semester following the application deadline.
4. Junior members may re-apply for the scholarship if they meet the eligibility requirements for the application year.
5. Applications will not be accepted from previous ASBA scholarship winners.

Scholarship Criteria

1. Southdown experiences and achievements – 50%
2. Leadership and activities within ag-related organization – 30%
3. Essay – 20%

Application Process

1. Applicants must complete the Application Form which is available on the ASBA web site and in the Southdown Journal.
 - a. Limit answers to the space provided. You may re-type as a word file to submit electronically.
 - b. Attach copy of most recent transcript. If first semester freshman, attach proof of enrollment and high school transcript. Transcripts may also be sent electronically.
 - c. Attach the two summary pages and one essay page. Do not exceed length specifications.
2. Applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than **October 1, 2009**.
Send to: Southdown Scholarship, c/o Barbara Bishop, W4628 Hall Rd., Rio, WI 53960
or e-mail to: southdowns@mbgenetics.com
3. Scholarship winners will be notified by November 1, 2009.
4. Scholarship winners who are able to attend will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded during the Junior Southdown Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY, on Nov. 15, 2009.

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Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Career Plans

Briefly state your career goal and how you plan to achieve that goal.

Education Information

Name and address of college, vocational/technical school or university at which you are currently enrolled and will be for the next semester.

Major/Course of Study : _____

Name and location of high school where you received your diploma.

High School Graduation Date: _____

References

Provide names of two personal references with address, phone number, and e-mail address, if available.

Summaries and Essay

1 - Submit a summary, typed with one inch margins, not to exceed one page, of your agriculture related activities. Include information about leadership roles, volunteer work, livestock/meats judging team experiences, honors and awards as a member of 4-H, FFA or other agriculture related youth groups.

2 - Submit a summary, typed with one inch margins, not to exceed one page, describing your experiences as a Southdown breeder. Information should include when you first started in Southdowns; size of flock; purpose of flock; management responsibilities; marketing strategies; involvement and achievements in shows (local, regional or national) and form of participation (e.g. market lambs, breeding sheep, lead class, skillathon, promotional contests, fleeces, sale committee, show volunteer); and any other venues you have used to promote Southdowns.

3 - Submit an essay, typed with one inch margins, not to exceed 150 words, in response to the following question: "What have experiences related to raising Southdowns taught you that will help you to achieve your career goals?"