

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION MASTER STOCKMAN AWARD APPLICATION

The Master Stockman Scholarship is one of the most prestigious awards given to junior livestock project exhibitors and is generously sponsored each year by the Wisconsin State Fair Foundation. The Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Master Stockman Award recognizes knowledge, skill, leadership, and excellence within beef, sheep and swine project work.

Master Stockman Award Requirements & Rules:

- 1) All Master Stockman applicants and/or their immediate families must be paid WLBA members. Membership applications can be found online at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com.
- 2) The Master Stockman Scholarship is available to high school seniors graduated in 2013 through young adults age 19 years or younger by January 1st, 2013.
- 3) Applicants must have participated in one or more of the following events: the WLBA Spring Preview, the Wisconsin Livestock Show Camp or the Summer Spectacular Show a minimum of three out of the last five years.
- 4) Master Stockman applicants must choose and apply within one species only; beef, sheep or swine.
- 5) Previous Master Stockman winners (\$750 award) within any species are not eligible to reapply.
- 6) Previous Runner-up Master Stockman winners (\$500 award) may reapply within any species; as long as they meet all requirements listed above, but will be eligible to receive a monetary award no more than twice.

Master Stockman Scholarship Process:

- An original hard copy of the Master Stockman Award application AND (5) copies (photos do not need to be color) should be mailed to the WLBA office with a postmark date of no later than January 3, 2014.
- An electronic copy of your application and a scanned picture of you should be emailed to the WLBA office by no later than 11:59 pm on January 3, 2014. Please email to alfhamp@centurytel.net.
- Up to a maximum of 10 applications, based on the quality of applications submitted, regardless of species, will be chosen to advance to the interview level held at the WLBA Annual Meeting in March of 2014. All applicants will be notified of results in early February of 2014
- From the applicants interviewed, (3) \$1000 Master Stockman Award winners and (2) \$250 Honorable Mention Master Stockman Awards will be chosen.

Master Stockman Application Tips:

- Applicants should answer each question as it pertains to their project as completely as possible. Your application will be judged on the depth of the knowledge of your project and your documented involvement and leadership shown in the livestock industry.
- Photos are not required, but are highly encouraged to document and enhance your application. Please scan photos directly into your electronic application.
- Criteria for the interview process will include personal appearance (you are encouraged to dress as if you are participating in a job interview), knowledge of your project, presentation and knowledge of your application, and the ability to communicate and answer questions.

Sincerely,

Jill C. Alf
WLBA Executive Director

**WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK FOUNDATION
2014 MASTER STOCKMAN AWARD APPLICATION**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

APPLICANT'S PHONE _____ APPLICANT'S EMAIL _____

AGE (AS OF JAN 1, 2014) _____ BIRTHDATE _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

PARENTS: _____

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE _____

PARENTS PHONE _____ PARENT EMAIL _____

It is a requirement that you must have participated in one or more WLBA events 3 out of the last 5 years. For the last 5 years only please list what events you participated in, and what species.

Spring Preview Show: _____ Years _____ Species _____

Livestock Show Camp: _____ Years _____ Species _____

Summer Spectacular: _____ Years _____ Species _____

The information above should be Page 1 of your application. If you would like to include a scanned photo of yourself on this page, please feel free to do so.

Please answer the questions below as completely as possible. If a particular question does not pertain to your individual livestock project or farming operation you are allowed to skip it.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPATION

- 1) List the years and WLBA events you have participated in.
- 2) List the years and other shows where you have exhibited animals.
- 3) List leadership roles you have held within the WLBA.
- 4) List leadership roles you have held within other areas of the livestock industry.

PARTICIPATION IN LIVESTOCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 1) List your activities, offices held, and other leadership roles in 4-H and FFA.
- 2) List awards won through 4-H, FFA or other livestock related organizations and/or events.
- 3) List your participation and activities in any state and national breed associations, along with any county or state producer groups. Describe your involvement in any of these.

PARTICIPATION IN NON-LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES

- 1) List your activities, leadership roles, honors earned, within your school, church, or community.

YOUR PROJECT (Beef, Sheep, Swine)

- Describe the livestock operation on your farm, including whether you own or manage your animals.
- Describe how you got your start in your project and how your beginning project has grown to your present enterprise.
- Describe your role in the care and management of the livestock operation on your family farm.
- Describe the feeding practices that apply to your project:
 1. Feed rations
 2. Hay and roughage
 3. Pasture management
- Describe the breeding program that applies to your project:
 1. Natural and A.I. breeding
 2. Use of performance testing
 3. Culling program
- Describe the herd health program that applies to your project:
 1. Vaccination and disease control program
 2. Parasite control
 3. Sanitation practices
- Describe your record keeping program as it applies to your project:
 1. Financial records
 2. Breeding information
 3. Herd/flock identification system
 4. Health records

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. Please describe what kind of “life-lessons” your livestock experiences have taught you?
2. Please describe your educational goals and what career opportunities you are working towards. Include if and how your livestock enterprise will fit into your future plans.

REFERENCES

- Please include two references letters from individuals who are familiar with your livestock project work. These should also be scanned and included in your electronic submission.

Please mail completed applications and letters of reference to:

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association
Jill Alf, Executive Director
7811 N Consolidated School Rd
Edgerton, WI 53534

Applications must be postmarked by January 3, 2014

Please email electronic copies of your application and a photo of yourself to:

alfhamp@centurytel.net

Electronic submissions must be received by 11:59 pm January 3, 2014