

**CASE IH
WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
MASTER STOCKMAN AWARD APPLICATION**

The Master Stockman Award is one of the most prestigious awards given to junior livestock project exhibitors and is generously sponsored by Case IH. The 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 2018 WLBA members. Membership applications can be found online at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com and may be sent with your application.
- 2) The Master Stockman Scholarship is available to youth no younger than a high school senior graduating in 2018 or no older than 21 years of age by January 1, 2018.
- 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 (2013-2017).
- 4) Master Stockman applicants must choose and apply within one species only; beef, sheep or swine.
- 5) Previous Master Stockman winners within any species are not eligible to reapply.
- 6) Previous Honorable Mention Master Stockman winners may reapply within any species; as long as they meet all requirements listed above, but they 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 (3) additional copies should be mailed to the WLBA office with a postmark date of no later than February 1, 2018.
- An electronic copy of your application and a scanned picture of yourself MUST also be emailed to the WLBA office by no later than 11:59 pm on February 1, 2018. 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 on March 18, 2017 at the UW-Arlington Research Station Public Events facility. All applicants must be able to interview in person on March 24, 2018 if chosen.
- From the applicants interviewed, (3) \$1000 Master Stockman Award winners and (2) Honorable Mention Master Stockman Awards will be chosen and recognized that day.
- Checks will be awarded at the Wisconsin State Fair by Case IH.

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 a few are 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

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2018 MASTER STOCKMAN AWARD APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

APPLICANT'S PHONE _____ APPLICANT'S EMAIL _____

AGE (AS OF JAN 1, 2018) _____ BIRTHDATE _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (IF APPLICABLE): _____

PARENT(S): _____

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE _____

PARENT(S) 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. Please list the species and years you have participated in each event below.

Spring Preview Show: _____ Years _____ Species _____

Livestock Show Camp: _____ Years _____ Species _____

Summer Spectacular: _____ Years _____ Species _____

The information above should be Page 1 of your application, a scanned and inserted photo of yourself on this page is encouraged. You are welcome to format the page as you see fit as long as all information is included.

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 current academic status, 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 one letter of recommendation from an individual who is familiar with your livestock project work. This letter should also be included with your submitted hard copies as well as scanned and included in your electronic submission.

Please mail completed your completed application, (3) additional copies, and a letter of recommendation to:

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

Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2018

AND

Email an electronic copy of your completed application, a letter of recommendation, and a scanned photo of yourself to:

alfhamp@centurytel.net

Electronic submissions must be received by 11:59 pm February 1, 2018

Applications will be considered incomplete and will not be considered if both hard-copy and electronic submissions are not received by the deadlines listed above.

Questions can be directed to WLBA Executive Director Jill Alf at 608/868-2505 (after 6 pm weeknights), or at alfhamp@centurytel.net.