



2010 MDGS YOUTH
REPRESENTATIVE
Elaine Sheikh

2010 MDGS YOUTH REP
RUNNER -UP
Bethany Schreur

Calling All Michigan Dairy Goat Youth

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE NEXT MDGS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES.
YOUTH MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION.

The Michigan Dairy Goat Society - Board of Directors is presenting their program to choose a Youth Representative and Youth Representative Runner-up to be Ambassadors of the Goat Industry and for MDGS during the coming year.

The Board recognizes that the future of our industry, and our organization, depends upon our youth and their leadership in the coming years, and want to encourage them in their endeavors.

There will be a monetary award for each of two youths selected along with the many new experiences and friends they will gain during their term.

All information and requirements for this program are on the next page, along with the application to be sent in with their record of accomplishments and achievements.

If there are any questions, feel free to contact a member of the Youth Representative Committee.

- Committee Member: Pat White 517-651-5390
- Committee Member: Becky Kast-Dahlke 989-834-6255

We all look forward to many of our Michigan Dairy Goat Youth to submit their information and application, and to take advantage of this new program. We wish each of them the best of luck.

~ The M.D.G.S. Youth Representative Committee

APPLICATION FOR MDGS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 13, 2010 DURING MDGS GOAT DAY AT MSU

Applicant's Name:

Address:

Birth Date:

Age:

Phone:

Parent's Signature:

1. Age requirement is 14 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2010.
2. Interviews will be held in Feb., 2010 on the MSU Campus. Notification of date will be given.
3. Applicant must be a resident of Michigan, currently own goats which need not be registered through a National organization and must have an individual membership in Michigan Dairy Goat Society or be a part of a family membership in the Michigan Dairy Goat Society.
4. Submit a record of accomplishments and related goat activities (on separate sheets) along with a recent picture of your self and this completed application. **Please mail these items all together to: Patricia White, 7854 W. Bennington Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 8, 2010.**
5. Winners may compete more than once in this event but may not succeed him/or herself in the following year.
6. A runner-up will also be selected to assist the Youth Representative and take his or her place if deemed necessary,
7. The Youth Representative and/or the runner-up must be able to attend the following events as Ambassadors of MDGS but are not required to participate in them;)he MDGS Annual Show, the MDGS Annual meeting at Spring Goat Day, the Fall Round-up, the MSU State 4-H Goat Show and the Michigan State Fair Youth Goat Show.
8. The Youth Representative and runner-up are encouraged to help with various shows, events and activities throughout the year as they are invited to do so.
9. A panel of judges, including the current President of MDGS, will interview the applicants. Selection will be made at the conclusion of the interviews. All of the applicants will be introduced at the MDGS Annual meeting at MSU and the winner and runner-up will be announced at that time. The term of the Youth Representative and runner-up will be from Annual meeting to Annual meeting---1 year.
10. The chosen Representative and runner-up must have an adult chaperone with them at all functions while representing the Michigan Dairy Goat Society.
11. This contest is open to any male or female youth meeting the above criteria.
12. Parents' or Guardians' signature is required for all applicants.
13. Criteria for selection:
 - a. 30% Goat knowledge
 - b. 50% Participation in goat related work (this would include such as showing at their County Fair and at other shows like the MSU State 4-H Goat Show; Goat informational programs such as Camp Kett, and the MSU State 4-H Goat Expo; community service such as visiting schools, nursing homes, etc. to promote goats; personal leadership experiences.
 - c. 20% Based on the personal interview.
14. An award of \$250.00 to be used for their continuing education after high school graduation will be presented to the Youth Representative and \$125.00 to the runner-up with the same stipulation. A certificate stating this will be given to both recipients upon presentation of the awards at the MDGS Annual meeting. This amount will be presented to each of the winning youths after they complete their year as Youth Representatives for MDGS, after their high school graduation and upon proof of enrollment in an institute for continuing education.