

Don White

Dairy Award for an Agriculture Related Venture (ARV)

A current Indiana County 4-H or FFA dairy member, who is a high school senior or has completed their senior year, may receive the Don White Dairy Award for an Agriculture Related Venture (ARV) one time. Application material will not be returned and becomes the property of the award committee. Applicants who do not receive an award are encouraged to apply in subsequent years if still eligible.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Applicants must meet the following list of requirements to be eligible:

- ▶ Must have exhibited dairy animals at the Indiana County Fair during the current or last fair year.
- ▶ Must be a high school senior or completed their senior year.
- ▶ Must have a 2.5 GPA (Grade Point Average) or higher.
- ▶ Must be involved in an Agriculture Related Venture in the dairy industry.

WHAT IS AN AGRICULTURE RELATED VENTURE?

An eligible Agriculture Related Venture must be a dairy related activity. Some examples include:

- ▶ Working on a dairy farm – minimum 20 hours per week. Explain your job responsibilities.
- ▶ Taking artificial breeding classes.
- ▶ Acquiring a pesticide license.
- ▶ Working in a dairy or cheese processing facility.
- ▶ Driving a milk truck.

These are only a few examples. If you feel you have a venture that would qualify, feel free to present your idea to the committee.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must complete the attached application. An essay of approximately 300 words should be included with your submission. The essay should describe how the Indiana County Fair has helped you achieve goals, meet objectives, make career choices, and how you would use the award for the advancement or improvement of the dairy industry. Two letters of recommendation are also required. A recommendation may be from 4-H or FFA leaders, teachers, guidance counselors, community leaders, or employers.

In evaluating applications, preference will be given to those demonstrating desire and initiative. Each applicant may be subject to a personal interview by the award committee if needed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Mail application and supporting documentation to:

**Indiana County Fair
c/o Dairy Scholarship Committee
PO Box 357
Indiana, PA 15701**

or email to:

Linda Park at lpark1682@gmail.com

DEADLINE for receiving applications is the 3rd (third) Saturday in July of the current fair year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

Applicant winners will be notified by mail and phone. Winners of the Don White Dairy Award for an Agriculture Related Venture will be announced on the evening of the Cheese Auction and also at the Livestock Auction. Recipients must be present or represented to receive the award at the Cheese Auction. A maximum of three awards, with a maximum award amount of \$5,000, will be granted each year.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Award winners must present to the committee evidence of completion of their ARV. Evidence may include payroll records and a signed statement from the employer verifying the work record of the applicant. If this has been family employment, a third party must verify the applicant's employment. A final essay of approximately 200 words should be submitted by December 15th the year of your award explaining how your ARV has helped you advance or improve the dairy industry. After committee review of your completed submission, your award will be presented.

Indiana County Fair and the award committee have the right to decline any or all applications. Indiana County Fair and the award committee have the right to present the number and amounts of the awards at their discretion.