

## **NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **JULY 1 IS DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL JERSEY YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Reynoldsburg, Ohio (May 12, 2015)*—Wednesday, July 1, 2015 is the deadline to submit applications for seven scholarships administered by the American Jersey Cattle Association, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

These awards provide financial support to Jersey youth pursuing a college or university degree or, in some cases, gaining hands-on experience in the development and management of Registered Jersey™ cattle. Applicants must be a Junior or Lifetime member of the association upon submitting their application. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) is required to apply for these scholarships. Copies of the applicant's high school and college transcripts must be submitted, along with two letters of recommendation.

The Russell–Malnati Scholarship for Advanced Studies in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded. Undergraduate students who have completed at least one-half of coursework credit hours required for a degree in dairy science, animal science (dairy emphasis), large animal veterinary practice, dairy production or manufacturing, or dairy product marketing, and graduate students in those program areas are eligible to apply.

Two scholarships of \$2,000 each will be presented. Students who will begin a program of study at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2015 may apply for the William A. Russell Memorial Scholarship. Students who have completed at least one year of study toward their degree are eligible for the V. L. Peterson Scholarship.

A Cedarcrest Scholarship of \$1,750 will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student seeking a degree in large animal veterinary practice, dairy production, dairy manufacturing, or dairy product marketing.

Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,500. The Paul Jackson Memorial Scholarship is for continuing college students in any degree program area. The Bob Toole Jersey Youth Award can be used for educational expenses or a well-defined practical experience related to breeding, developing and showing Registered Jerseys.

Finally, the Reuben R. Cowles Jersey Youth Award will be presented to a resident of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Applicants must be at least high school graduates, but not older than 36 years of age as of January 1, 2015. Applicants must state whether the award money will be used for to support their education or to fund a trip to the All American Jersey Show and Sale, the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings or other Jersey educational activities. The value of this award is variable.

For application forms and instructions, visit the “Scholarships and Internships” page on the USJersey website.

More than \$20,000 will be awarded across all AJCA educational programs for the 2015-16 academic year. Recipients will be recognized on Saturday, November 7 at the annual Junior Banquet held during The All American Jersey Shows and Sales in Louisville, Ky.

*About the National Jersey Youth Program*

The American Jersey Cattle Association has made strategic investments in Jersey youth since 1958 when it created the National Heifer Sale to provide annual funding for educational programs and awards. Scholarships are paid from permanent endowments administered by the American Jersey Cattle Association. Contributions are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)(3) tax deductible charitable gifts and may be made at any time during the year.

For more information, contact the American Jersey Cattle Association by writing 6486 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-2362, or visit its web site at [USJersey.com](http://USJersey.com).