

# Carver County Dairy Youth Scholars

## *The Derek Dreier Legacy Showcase*

The Carver County Dairy Youth Scholars was designed to recognize dairy youth who have excelled in the dairy industry. This program is awarded to Carver County dairy youth grades 6-13. We hope this guide will assist you in going the extra mile in completing this application.

Applications should be sent to Jeff Vinkemeier at 12330 County Road 50, Norwood Young America, MN 55368. All applications are due not later than July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Carver County Dairy Youth Scholars Scorecard (total amount possible)

Dairy Interview	10 pts
Showmanship	10 pts
4-H Dairy Judging	10 pts
4-H Project Bowl	10 pts
FFA Dairy CDEs	10 pts
Leadership Profile	45 pts
Bonus Points	5 pts

### The Judging Process

Each application is judged by a panel of four individuals. These judges are dairy industry leaders who are very familiar with the Carver County Dairy Industry. The judges work together to review and monitor the scoring of all applications.

### Outside Dairy Involvement

Each applicant will be awarded points for dairy involvement in local 4-H and FFA programs. Refer to the Carver County Dairy Youth Scholars Scorecard for the official breakdown of points honored.

### The First Two Questions

- ✓ We encourage youth to stay away from simply listing their involvement and leadership activities.
- ✓ Make every word count!
- ✓ It is important to highlight positions you may have served and the influences you made while in that position.
  - For Example: "I served as a FFA president which developed a new community service project that helped local families provide gifts for their family members during holidays."
- ✓ Judges will honor 1-15 points for these two questions based on a youth's integrity to give back to others.

### The Essay Question

This question is changed each year with no right or wrong answers. The judges will be looking for responses that are well thought out, illustrate leadership and understanding, and shows that the youth will continue to make a positive difference in the dairy industry.

### Tie Breaker

If scores result in a tie the applicant ranking higher in the State Fair line-up will receive the higher placing.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (format April 28, 1998): \_\_\_\_\_

School grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school attending \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names, First and Last (as you would see them listed in promotional materials)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dairy Involvement Activities: *(Select all that may apply listing category and regional/ state level)*

FFA CDE:  \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Dairy Project Bowl:  \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Dairy Judging:  \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Dairy involvement and leadership: (years in dairy project, awards, committee work)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate school and community involvement and leadership:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you think is the biggest challenge with the consumer understanding dairy? Can solving these challenges with people outside of agriculture help keep farms running? Please give a specific example.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reference information of a non-related adult who can serve as a reference:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain relationship with this individual:

\_\_\_\_\_