

Wisconsin Southdown Association

2018 Southdown Ewe Lamb Award

Purpose: To promote youth involvement with Southdown sheep in Wisconsin by awarding youth with a quality registered ewe lamb to begin their flocks.

Who is Eligible?

1. Wisconsin youth ages 11-16 enrolled in 4-H or FFA who do not already own Southdown sheep.

Requirements/Rules:

1. A written application must be submitted to the Wisconsin Southdown Association. Application materials are presented on page 2. Mail application materials postmarked by March 15, 2018 to Kelly Vierck, N5690 County Road M, Juneau, WI or emailed to rosehillsouthdowns@gmail.com.
2. Applications will be reviewed by a Wisconsin Southdown Association appointed committee. Winner(s) will be selected based on quality of the application materials. The number of winners will be determined by the number of ewes donated in that year.
3. The top applicants selected will be contacted by the Wisconsin Southdown Association Board of Directors for a phone interview, which will finalize the selection of the winners.
4. Winner(s) will be announced and animal(s) awarded at the Wisconsin Southdown Stars Sale & Symposium in April. Winner(s) will be contacted prior to the Sale and must be in attendance in order to receive the ewe lamb(s). Each winner will receive individual instruction on feeding and care of the ewe lamb and a **mentor** will be introduced who can be contacted any time for information and assistance. The mentor will report back to the Wisconsin Southdown Association from time to time on the progress of the winner in raising his or her ewe lamb.
5. The winner(s) of ewe lambs agree to maintain and raise their animals in clean facilities and provide appropriate care. The ewe lamb must receive proper annual vaccinations and receive deworming and necessary medications to maintain and assure good health. The ewe lamb must also receive proper nutrition (grain, supplement, hay, mineral and pasture) in order for it to grow to its full potential.
6. Each winner will be required to make a written progress report to the Wisconsin Southdown Association along with pictures of the ewe lamb due September 1, 2018. The ewe lamb must be shown at a minimum of 2 shows such as a local, county, or state fair or the Spring Preview or Sheep and Wool Festival shows.
7. Failure on the part of the youth who wins an ewe lamb to maintain it in good health, provide proper nutrition and good animal husbandry care will result in forfeiture of the ewe lamb back to the Wisconsin Southdown Association. All costs associated with feeding, caring and showing the ewe lamb are the sole responsibility of the youth winner. The Wisconsin Southdown Association assumes no responsibility or liability for the animal once it is delivered to the winner and is not required to replace the animal in the event of death.

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Application**

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____

Do you currently raise sheep? _____

If yes, what breed _____ Number of Years: _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter of which you are a member: _____

The following must be attached to your application:

1. Essay by applicant—A written essay, not to exceed two (2) pages, must accompany the application discussing the following:
 - A. Why you are interested in Southdown sheep.
 - B. Description of your livestock background.
 - C. If you have sheep, describe your flock.
 - D. Description of facilities and feed sources available for your Southdown sheep project.
 - E. Describe your present, past and future sheep activities (showing, clubs, etc.). If this is your first lamb, what are your plans for this ewe?
 - F. Description of what you desire to be doing 10 years from now, including your career ambitions and goals for your sheep project.
 - G. Briefly discuss how a Southdown ewe will help you achieve your personal goals.
2. Letter of support from parent or guardian – must verify the following:
 - A. You will be able to assist with the time, finances, and encouragement that may be required for a successful experience with Southdown sheep.
 - B. Appropriate facilities and feed are available for maintaining a sheep project.
3. Letter of recommendation and membership verification from a 4-H, FFA or Sheep Project Leader. Include address, phone number and email address where reference can be contacted.

4. Letter of recommendation from a person who is a non-relative. Include address, phone number and email address where reference can be contacted.

We have read the guidelines for this Southdown ewe lamb program and agree to abide by them if awarded an ewe lamb from the Wisconsin Southdown Association.

Signature of applicant

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

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