

# **GOLD MERIT AWARD APPLICATION**

AMERICAN SIMMENTAL-SIMBRAH  
F O U N D A T I O N



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

AJSA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of January 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been an active member in the AJSA? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own cattle? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No # of Registered Cattle: \_\_\_ Commercial: \_\_\_

## **STATE ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

Are you a member of a state junior Simmental association? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

How many years have you been an active member of your state association? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of state association: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a list of leadership roles you have held in your state Simmental association, along with the number of years they were held for: (please list chronologically)

List your participation in state association or county events with regard to the Simmental breed, i.e. state sanctioned shows, field days, 4-H or FFA events: (please list chronologically)

What role do you believe state Simmental associations play in regards to the American Simmental Association as a whole? *Word limit: 250*

What could your state Simmental association do to better its visibility? What can you do to be a part of this improvement? *Word limit: 250*

## **REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

Please list your participation and successes in AJSA sanctioned events, i.e. AJSA Regional Classics, AJSA National Classics, Summit Leadership Conferences, Steer Profitability Competition: (please list cattle and educational contest events chronologically)

Describe the importance of AJSA events in the context of the beef industry. What sets AJSA events apart? Where do AJSA weaknesses fall? What can you do to improve these weaknesses? *Word limit: 250*

What does being an ambassador mean to you? What skills have you learned through the AJSA that has prepared you to be a beef industry ambassador? *Word limit: 250*

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List your involvement in your school, church, and community activities: (please list chronologically)

Describe the service projects you have been involved in: (please list chronologically)

### **SIMGENETICS INVOLVEMENT**

Describe your role in your own, and/or your family's, or another SimGenetics operation (breeding, calving, feeding, record keeping, etc.): *Word limit: 250*

Indicate your participation in activities or events that have helped to promote your SimGenetics operation: *Word limit: 250*

Discuss the threat that animal rights activists play to cattle producers. What can you do to dispel the myths? *Word limit: 250*

## **FUTURE GOALS**

Please discuss your future goals and plans: *Word limit: 250*

For press release purposes, please list the name, mailing address, and email address of newspaper(s) in your area:

Gold Merit Awards are facilitated by the American Simmental-Simbrah Foundation and are awarded with no discrimination towards a physical, emotional or mental handicap. Five (5) recipients are chosen by a committee from among previous Silver Award winners and are awarded the Gold Merit Award of \$5,000 at the National Classic Awards Banquet. The actual scholarship money is not awarded until the recipient has registered and paid tuition to attend a postsecondary institution. Participants must submit the Gold Merit Award application, a current photo, and three (3) letters of recommendation to [ajsa@simmgene.com](mailto:ajsa@simmgene.com) no later than June 1.

By signing below, I signify that the contained information is current and true to the best of my knowledge:

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date