

## **2011 Zack Dismukes Memorial Award**

The Zack Dismukes Memorial Award is sponsored by Tennessee Livestock Producers in association with the Tennessee Junior Polled Hereford Association (TJPHA) and Tennessee Polled Hereford Association (TPHA) to commemorate and recognize the life and work of Mr. Zack Dismukes. Mr. Dismukes was a lifelong cattleman and enthusiast of the Polled Hereford breed who contributed immeasurably to the enhancement and promotion of Polled Hereford cattle. Through a lifetime of devoted service and hard work, Mr. Dismukes gave unselfishly of himself and his talents to enhance the breed and encourage its growth. The award is given to recognize and honor his many years of service and contributions.

In appreciation and acknowledgement of Mr. Dismukes' efforts and achievements, the award is presented annually to the Tennessee Junior Polled Hereford Association member who has most demonstrated and exhibited the qualities and standards of conduct set forth by Mr. Dismukes. The individual selected to receive the award will be given a personal recognition plaque and a \$500 cash award. Additionally, a rotating Zack Dismukes Memorial Award challenge trophy will be presented by the Tennessee Livestock Producers in recognition of each year's winner.

### ***Eligibility Requirements***

1. All active members of the TJPHA whose annual membership fees are paid are eligible for the award. (Members must be at least seven years old as of January 1 and not older than 22 years of age as of January 1.)
2. Annual award winners must wait one year before becoming eligible to compete again for the award.

### ***Selection Process***

1. A selection committee consisting of the TPHA Junior Liaison, the TJPHA Adult Advisor(s), two TJPHA member's parents to be selected by the TPHA Junior Liaison, and the previous year's award winner will be utilized to select each year's winner. (Note: No adult may serve on the selection committee who has a child competing for the award. In the event that a nominee for the award has a parent serving as the TJPHA Junior Liaison or TJPHA Advisor, the TJPHA Liaison will select an adult TPHA member to replace that individual on the selection committee.)
2. The selection committee will meet in accordance with the selection timeline and will utilize the application information submitted by each participating TJPHA member in consideration of the criteria for the award.
3. The award winner will be announced at the TJPHA State Show.
4. Individual TJPHA members wishing to be considered for the award may volunteer, be nominated by another TJPHA member, or be nominated by any member of the TPHA. Anyone wishing to volunteer or nominate someone for the award should contact the TPHA Junior Liaison in accordance with the selection timeline.
5. Each TJPHA individual noting a desire to be considered for the award will be contacted by the TPHA Junior Liaison. Each participant will be requested to submit an application to the TPHA

Junior Liaison that will be provided to the members of the selection committee for their deliberation.

### **Selection Timeline**

1. Anyone wishing to volunteer or nominate someone for the award must contact the TPHA Junior Liaison no later than **February 28th**.
2. Applications for the award must be submitted to the TPHA Junior Liaison no later than **March 30**.
3. The application information will be made available to the selection committee no later than **April 15**.
4. The selection committee will meet as necessary during June and July to select the winner of the award. (As circumstances dictate, meetings may be in person, by telephone, or via email.)
5. The **winner will be announced at the TPHA State Show in August**, and the appropriate awards presented.

### **Application Criteria/Information**

1. Application format: There is no prescribed application format. The information requested as part of the application process may be submitted in any format desired as long as the application is legible and covers the criteria/information outlined below. As to preparation, the application may be typed or handwritten in ink. Once prepared, it may be submitted via parcel post, email, fax, etc. (Note: The important considerations for the application are: (1) that the information is submitted on time, (2) it is legible, and (3) that the information be accurate, complete and include the requested criteria/information as outlined below.)
2. Information Time Period: All information submitted as part of the application should be as current as possible and should include any criteria/information from 27 months prior to the submission date of March 30.
3. Criteria/Information:
  - a. Personal Information:
    - (1) Complete name, home mailing address, home telephone number(s), cell phone number(s), and email address, as applicable.
    - (2) Date of birth.
  - b. Hereford Association Activities:
    - (1) List all local, state, regional, or national offices and/or leadership positions held and when.
    - (2) List all participation in local, state, regional, or national level contests, e.g., cattle shows, public speaking contests, judging contests, etc. For each contest listed, indicate when you participated, your level of competition, and your highest placing.

- (3) Have you served as a Hereford Association queen, princess, ambassador, or any other such related position, and when did you serve?
- (4) List all local, state, regional, or national level Hereford or cattle related special activities, events, committees, etc., which you have participated in and/or worked on and when.
- (5) Explain your involvement in caring for the animals you show, i.e., selecting, feeding, vaccinating, calving, grooming/fitting, breeding, etc.
- (6) How many Hereford cattle have you actively shown and how many of them are/were bred and owned?
- (7) In terms of showing cattle or participating in Hereford related events, list what you consider to be your greatest accomplishments, and when those accomplishments occurred.

c. Other cattle Related Activities:

- (1) List any 4-H, FFA, collegiate and/or other such related livestock organizations/clubs, judging teams, etc., to which you might belong, and for how long.
- (2) List all leadership activities and offices you have held in any 4-H, FFA, collegiate and/or livestock organization/club, and when.
- (3) List any beef and/or livestock events, workshops, field days, or other such training activities in which you have participated, and when.
- (4) List any beef and/or livestock related awards/honors you have received, and when.