

# SILVER MERIT AWARD APPLICATION



## 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

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

How many years have you been an active member of your 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 could your state Simmental association do to better its visibility? What can you do to be a part of this improvement? *Word limit: 300*

## **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)

AJSA sanctioned events offer a plethora of industry and peer networking opportunities. How have you taken advantage of these opportunities? How do you see them benefitting you in the future? *Word limit: 250*

Describe how you have evolved as a person from your first AJSA event to present? *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: 200*

Indicate your participation in activities or events that have helped to promote your SimGenetics operation: *Word limit: 200*

Describe the importance of carrying out proper management techniques and animal husbandry. *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:

Silver Merit Awards are facilitated by the American Simmental-Simbrah Foundation and are awarded with no discrimination towards a physical, emotional or mental handicap. Twelve (12) recipients are selected by a committee from among previous Bronze Award winners and are awarded the Silver Merit Award of \$2,500 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 Silver Merit Award application, a current photo, and two (2) 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