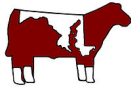


A. Jack Downin Memorial Scholarship



Presented by the Maryland Shorthorn Association



BACKGROUND ABOUT JACK AND HIS PASSION TO SUPPORT YOUTH

Jack always had a handshake, a smile, a joke, and a kind word for everyone he met. Jack was a faithful supporter of the 4-H and FFA, and agriculture projects since the 1950's. His encouragement has helped 4-Hers to invest in their futures and "To Make the Best Better!" Jack was a caring and giving person to many organizations and clubs. He served on the Eastern National Livestock Assoc. for 20 plus years, he had a membership with the Maryland Shorthorn, Maryland Angus and Maryland Hereford Associations. He auctioneered cattle sales in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia including our Dynamic Duo Calf Sale, also many county fairs in Maryland and Virginia. Jack showed cattle all over the United States in the 1950's and 1960's while working on cattle ranches in Mississippi. He was on the state livestock judging team in 1955 and the state FFA judging team in 1957. Jack was truly one of a kind with a heart of gold.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1 Must be a current paid member of the Maryland Junior Shorthorn Association (MJSA) **AND** have been a paid member for at least 2 years
- 2 Must be accepted to **OR** already attending a college, vocational school, or any other career-based learning program
- 3 Applications must be fully completed

Selection will be based on contents of application including essay responses

This Scholarship may be awarded more than once to any candidate if eligibility requirements are met.

The decision of the selection committee will be final.

The recipient will be recognized during the Maryland State Fair Open Shorthorn Show.

Questions should be directed to Heidi Bowman:

cell (301) 651-0852 or email marylandshorthornassociation@gmail.com

Application is due by July 15, 2025 to:

Maryland Shorthorn Association
c/o Heidi Bowman
108 Saratoga Place
Walkersville, MD 21793
Email: marylandshorthornassociation@gmail.com

A. Jack Downin Memorial Scholarship Application

I. Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1, 2025): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Years in MJSA: _____

Parents: _____

II. High School/College Information:

Name of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Name of College, Vo-Tech or Career Program (include city/state):

Anticipated or Current Major: _____

Anticipated or Current Minor (if applicable): _____

Current GPA (if applicable): _____

III. Essay Questions:

In paragraph form, please answer the following questions:

1. We would like to know more about you. Please tell us about yourself (family, school, sports/extracurriculars, organizations/clubs, church/community activities, hobbies, etc.)
2. Why do you like being involved in the Shorthorn breed? Describe you life skills and friendships you have gained showing Shorthorn cattle.
3. What is the most valuable lesson that you have gained showing Shorthorn cattle?
4. What agriculture programs have had the most impact on you and have these programs influenced your career choice?
5. Why should you be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship?