

Northeastern Dorset Association **Dorset Youth Award**

The main goal of the “Dorset Youth Award” is to “donate a quality **Dorset ewe lamb** to a well deserving youth who shows a need, and who has demonstrated enthusiasm, and interest in the showing and breeding of sheep.” **Anyone who has not won the top award in this contest is eligible to re-enter.** The criteria used in judging this award will consist of the following categories: sheep and livestock experience, knowledge of the project, mature and responsible, need for financial assistance, parental support, visibility, and improvement of the Dorset program. For final scoring, the top three (3) scorers will be reviewed by the Youth Award Committee.

Rules for entering and winning the contest are as follows:

- 1) **MUST** be no older than 16 years of age as of January 1, of the award year.
- 2) **MUST** be present to receive award at the Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Craft fair on Sunday May 24, 2009
- 3) **MUST** show awarded ewe at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show on July 16-19th 2009.
- 4) Meet the goals of the award.
- 5) Applications accepted until April 18, 2009. *

Application forms should be submitted to:

Northeast Dorset Association
C/O Karin Peterson
41 Bell Rd
Leyden, MA 01337

* These dates were chosen to allow the winner to satisfy all local and state rules regarding ownership deadlines for show purposes. The event where the award is given each year may change from year to year, but it must be awarded before June 1st.

Northeastern Dorset Association
Dorset Youth Award
Application Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ Phone number: _____
_____ Photo (Optional): _____

Dorset Youth Award: Polled Dorset _____ Horned Dorset _____

Short Answer Questions: Answer each of the questions on the following “Short Answer Questions” page with a few detailed sentences.

Short essay: Future expectations and why you want to win this Dorset ewe. (Feel free to include the following: past experience in sheep, showing experience, present sheep flock, and future plans for your flock.) This essay should be written on a separate, attached sheet of paper.

Two References: (not a parent, and one of them being a Dorset breeder that KNOWS YOU.) Enclosed is a reference form. Please give it to ONE of your references and have them send it to: Northeast Dorset Association, c/o Karin Peterson, 41 Bell Rd. Leyden MA 01337

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Award Short Answer Questions

Please answer all questions completely and to the best of your knowledge.

- 1. Why are you choosing a Dorset? What do you know about the breed? Are there any pros or cons in using this breed in your flock?**
 - 2. What are your responsibilities with your animals physically and financially?**
 - 3. Tell us about what you will do with your lamb, where you will be showing her, and will you be using her for breeding purposes?**
 - 4. How did you get involved in the industry?**
 - 5. How do you think this will help you in the future of your farm, flock and self?**
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6. Besides being interested in sheep, are there any other activities that you participate in?

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Reference Form

Youth Name _____ Age (as of Jan. 1) _____

Address

Reference Name

Please write a small letter of reference if you think this youth is deserving of this award.

Return form by April 18, 2009.

Send to: Northeast Dorset Association

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