

August 15, 2022

To: 4-H / FFA Leaders and Youth  
Exhibiting Dairy Breeding projects (heifers or cows)

Re: Mary Dillon Memorial Award for Outstanding Dairy Exhibitors

Mary Dillon (1945-2006) was a Hillsdale County 4-H Leader for 28 years. She coached Dairy Judging and Dairy Quiz Bowl teams, exhibited cattle at many local, state, and national shows and was a passionate supporter of our county's dairy program. Mary encouraged 4-H/FFA members to learn more about dairy cattle and promote the dairy industry.

The winner of the Mary Dillon Memorial Award will possess skills that Mary expected out of 4-H members including: leadership, willingness to learn, a strong work ethic, citizenship, and responsibility.

To be considered for the Mary Dillon Memorial Award for Outstanding Dairy Exhibitors the attached award application must be completed by eligible youth and **turned in with your Dairy Project Report, Sunday, September 25, 2022**. The President of the Dairy Leaders Committee and the 4-H Extension Program Coordinator will pick the recipient of the award. The winner will be announced at fair. The winner will receive a certificate and \$100.00 from the Mary Dillon Memorial fund.

Please call the MSU Extension Office if you have any questions regarding this process.

Thank you and Good Luck!

# Mary Dillon Memorial Award for Outstanding Dairy Exhibitors Application Form

To be eligible for this award:

1. The recipient should be a current Hillsdale County 4-H or FFA member that has exhibited a dairy breeding (heifer or cow) project at the Hillsdale County Fair.
2. It is encouraged that applicants have participated in dairy shows and dairy related contests at the State level and attended various educational events held around the County and State. (i.e. Quiz Bowl or Judging practices, Dairy Conference, Cow Camp, etc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants Signature date

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Parents Signature date

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4-H Leaders Signature date

Please thoroughly explain your involvement with 4-H dairy projects: *(Tell us everything- How long, dairy related contests, etc.)*

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What has been your single most favorite thing about the 4-H dairy program?

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What is the most important life skill you have learned from your 4-H dairy projects and how do you think you will use this skill during your lifetime?

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Please list any other information you feel makes you a good all-around candidate for this award that has not previously been mentioned in this application: (dairy industry involvement outside of 4-H/FFA, leadership activities, academic achievements)

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