



# NHWSO Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND LOCATIONS

### *NHWSO Silent Auction* **Mangrove Room**

- Wednesday, June 25  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 26  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,  
or 30 minutes after adjournment  
of Annual Meeting

### *NHWSO Board of Directors Mtg.* **Mangrove Room**

- Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.

### *NHWSO Annual Meeting* **Aloeswood Room**

- Thursday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the National Holstein Women's Scholarship Organization, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit scholarship corporation, will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Aloeswood Room of the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin for the following purposes

1. To hear the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer; 2. To hear the report of Investment Committee; 3. To hear the report of the Silent Auction Committee; 4. to hear the report of the Scholarship Committee; 5. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee; 6. To transact any other business to come before the organization.

Linda Haggarty, Executive Secretary

## 2008 Silent Auction

Each year, the National Holstein Women's Scholarship Organization (NHWSO) helps young people in the Holstein community with their college tuition. To date we have assisted **115** students work towards a graduate or undergraduate degree by awarding over **\$122,000.00** in scholarships. Our first scholarship was awarded in 1980. **This is our 28<sup>th</sup> year helping young Holstein enthusiasts be leaders of tomorrow.** Our scholarship recipients have gone on to promising careers in the dairy industry.

Because of skyrocketing tuition costs, we need to increase scholarship amounts. To raise funds in addition to those generated by cookbook sales; we are holding the **17<sup>th</sup> annual NHWSO Silent Auction at the National Holstein Convention in Wisconsin Dells, WI**

We need your help. Please consider donating an auction item with a minimum value of \$25.00. Examples might be a craft, an Ag industry product, gift basket, dairy antiques or any other item(s) you think would sell well at this exciting event.

Auction items will be identified by donor and/or state. Please leave your auction item(s) at the Convention Registration desk before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23 or bring your item to the Silent Auction in the Mangrove Room, Tuesday, June 24th.

Thank you for your continued support of our Holstein youth.

NHWSO Auction Committee: Ann Pidgeon, Mary Bohn

## General Donations

If you are unable to attend the convention, or unable to transport an item for the Silent Auction, please consider a financial donation. Your check, made payable to NHWSO, may be mailed to the address below or given to one of our Silent Auction volunteers during the convention.

## Honorary & Memorial Gifts

You can celebrate a significant occasion, remember a loved one, commemorate a milestone or recognize someone special with an honorary or memorial gift in their name to NHWSO. Your tax deductible donation will honor your friends or loved ones and help provide education scholarships to young Holstein men and women. When you make your donation, we will send a card personalized with your message to the person you designate to notify of your donation.

Please make your donation payable to NHWSO and mail it to the address listed above.

## NHWSO Officers & Directors

President: Ida Ruby  
V-Pres.: Susan Davenport Squires  
Secretary: Ann Pidgeon  
Treasurer: Mary Bohn  
Ex Officio: Shirley Keene

Directors:  
Betty Emerling, NY  
Betty Nigh, WI  
Carolyn Tande, MN  
Vanessa Worden, NY  
Nancy Wright, NY

*NHWSO, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing scholarships to assist young Holstein men and women in furthering their education at the college or graduate level.*

## NHWSO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Where are they now?

#### ***Sarah Olson Schmidt***

Print & Internet Advertising  
for Holstein World

#### *2004 Scholarship Recipient*

Based out of a home office in Southwest MN, I work with breeders from across the country to market and promote their genetics online and in the Holstein World magazine each month. My responsibilities also include writing stories and news items from time to time.

My husband Kelly, 8-mth-old daughter Aubree and I raise a small herd of beef cows on our 12-acre farm. I currently serve on the MN Holstein Association Board of Directors and volunteer as a county 4-H dairy judging and quiz bowl coach. During the summer months I continue to sharpen my skills by judging a few shows each year. I remain involved on my family's Holstein operation by completing promotional projects and registering calves.

#### ***Miranda (Miller) Johnson***

Teacher ~ Student ~ 4-H Leader

#### *2003 Scholarship Recipient*

After receiving her scholarship and DJM Award at the 2003 National Holstein Convention, Mirandas returned to Oregon to complete her undergraduate degree at Linfield College. Miranda graduated from Linfield College in June of 2006 with majors in business, mass communications and elementary education. She was married to her husband, Justin Johnson, in September of 2006 and the two moved to Sherwood, Oregon so Miranda could be closer to her job. She has been teaching first grade in Sherwood since graduating and is currently attending George Fox University with

plans to graduate in the fall of 2009 with her masters in early elementary education and literacy.

Miranda is still an active part of her family's Holstein dairy in Tillamook, Oregon, going home on weekends and breaks to milk and work on the farm. She still owns about 12 head of registered Holsteins and enjoys show them at the county and state fairs. Miranda is also co-advisor for the Oregon Junior Holstein Association as well as a 4-H leader of the Country Kids Club, which has 25 members in 8 different projects. In her spare time Miranda enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, reading and scrap booking. Miranda says she is very grateful for the money she was awarded by the NHWSO scholarship committee as it greatly helped her reach her goal of being an elementary school teacher. She has enjoyed sharing her love of cows and dairy industry with the "city kids" in her classes.

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## NHWSO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Can anyone apply for a NHWSO scholarship? What are the basic application requirements? What are the deadlines? What information is required for the application? Where can you obtain an application form?

If you have been wondering about our scholarship application process, the application summary below may help to answer your questions.

### Application Form and Rules

\*Application forms are available in the early spring of each award year on our website: [nhwso.com](http://nhwso.com)

\* An applicant must be a Junior state and national member and have a dairy farm background.

\* An applicant must have completed one year at a college, university, or

tech school, and majoring in an ag-related course of study. Ag-related field of study has been waived for students with a strong Holstein background.

\* The application, including official transcript of grades, must be post-marked by the date specified (usually mid-May) for any given award year.

\* An applicant must be present for personal interview to be held at the Holstein USA Convention .

\* Scholarship winners agree to use the scholarship within 12 months from the date received. Scholarship winner must provide proof of enrollment (fee statement or schedule of classes) before monies are disbursed.

\* Previous winners are not eligible to re-apply.

## Application Information and Questions

▪ Farm Information:  
number of dairy cows  
number of dairy heifers & calves

▪Project Information:  
number of dairy cows  
number of dairy heifers & calves

▪Short answer questions:  
1. List of college activities  
2. What are your short-term goals during college  
3. What are your long-range goals  
4. Why is it important for you to win this scholarship.  
5. How are you financing your college education.

In addition to these questions, applicants must submit a typed, single page autobiography to include their dairy background, school involvement & achievements, as well as participation in community volunteer work and organizations.