



NYS Brown Swiss Calf Scholarship Application

The purpose of this award is to reward one applicant who demonstrates the interest and competence to care and develop the animal to its fullest potential, to learn from this project, and to promote the breed while attending shows.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Age as of January 1st 2026 _____

*Applicants for this award must meet the following requirements:

- Be between the ages of 9-15 as of January 1st of the application year
- Must be a NY state resident
- Not own Brown Swiss of their own
- Must have adequate housing for animal in NY state
- Be willing to join the NYS Brown Swiss Association and the National Youth Brown Swiss Association
- Be open to farm visits to see how calf is developing
- Show the animal at county and state level

Please answer the following questions in essay format and attach to the application.

1. Why are you interested in owning a Brown Swiss calf? Why do you think you should be chosen for the scholarship calf?
2. How would you develop the calf and raise it to its potential?
3. What are your plans for showing it?
4. Where would this animal be housed? What would your responsibilities be?
5. What are your experiences with farming? Dairy industry?
6. Do you own any other breeds of your own?
7. What are your hobbies/interest outside of the dairy industry?
8. How would you get to different dairy shows? Who would take care of the animal at these shows?
9. How would you help promote the scholarship program and the Brown Swiss breed?
10. What are your goals/plans for the future?
11. Have you won a scholarship calf from a different breed in the past?
12. Have you applied for any other calf scholarships this year? If so, what breed(s)?
13. Please provide the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of 3 references who are not related to you.

All applications are due on 3/01/26. No late applications will be accepted. Please send your **COMPLETED** application to: Brooke Smithling, 3153 Algerine St. Stanley, NY 14561. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted, including references. Please keep a copy for your records.



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Guidelines for Calf Scholarship Winner

1. If you are selected as the winner, you are REQUIRED to exhibit this animal for 2 consecutive years at your local fair AND at the New York State Fair. Failure to exhibit the animal at the required shows will result in the NYS Brown Swiss Calf Scholarship Committee to meet and determine if removal of the animal is necessary. The whole purpose of this program is to promote this award opportunity and by showing it at multiple shows is the main source.
 - The winner is responsible for finding out the requirements for entering their local show and NYS Fair show. This includes entry deadlines, fees, and vaccine requirements.
 - The winner is responsible for providing a vet to administer fair shots
 - The winner is responsible for providing their own bedding and feed for the calf as well as their own food, and to help take care of the animal during the fair week.
 - The winner is responsible for finding transportation for their animal for these shows. If winner needs help finding transportation for the New York State Fair, the state Brown Swiss association will help arrange transportation, but the winner would be responsible for the payment to transport animal.
2. If problems arise during the 2 year period of raising the animal, the NYS Brown Swiss Calf Scholarship Committee will make a decision for what is best for the animal.
3. If there becomes a problem financially during the first 2 years, the NYS Brown Swiss Calf Scholarship Committee has the right to take the animal back. Once the animal becomes of milking age, you have the option of putting it into a breed sale if you do not have a milking facility where the animal is housed.
4. The NYS Brown Swiss Calf Scholarship Committee will be making farm visits after 6 months up until the animal is 2 years old to make sure the animal is taken care of.
5. The committee has the right not to award a calf at all if they do not find a qualified applicant.

If I, _____ (please print applicant's name), am selected as the NYS Brown Swiss Calf Scholarship winner, I fully understand and agree to the above terms shown above by the NYS Brown Swiss Association.

Applicant's Signature Required Parent's Signature Required

Date _____ Date _____