

Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Youth Ambassador Application

The Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association is proud to promote our youth program designed to get youth excited and involved in showing Dairy Goats and the dairy goat industry. The Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Youth Ambassadors will be the face of the organization throughout the year and will have the opportunity to plan and organize activities for fellow youth in the industry, bring awareness and education to all youth, enhance individual leadership, communication and teamwork skills and engage in educational opportunities to further their experience in the industry.

Youth Ambassadors

Youth Ambassadors will be selected to serve based on their applications and members must complete the application process each year. Members chosen to represent the WPDGA as Youth Ambassadors are expected to maintain a positive attitude, sportsmanship-like conduct and professional demeanor at all dairy goat industry events.

Application Criteria

- PeeWee Ambassadors Age 5-7 as of January 1st, of the current year.
- Junior Ambassadors Age 8-12 as of January 1st, of the current year
- Sr. Ambassador Age 13-18 as of January 1st, of the current year
- Complete the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Youth Ambassador Application
- Display enthusiasm for the Dairy Goat industry
- Comfortable with public speaking or eagerness to further develop speaking skills
- Demonstrated ability to lead and impact other youth
- Willingness to have personal growth and work as a team
- Applicant must be a member of the WPDGA as of April 1st of the current year.
- Must be a Pennsylvania Resident

Selection of WPDGA Youth Ambassadors

Youth will be selected as youth representative based on

- Application Rating Rubric that is completed by 3 impartial judges.
- Completion of Showmanship at the WPDGA Spring Show
- Youth interview with a panel of impartial judges.

The youth director will be responsible for compiling applications, summarizations and announcing youth selected to serve.

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WPDGA Youth Ambassador Application is due on a firm deadline of May 1st.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Age on January 1 of current term year: _____

Years as a WPDGA Member: _____ Years in the Dairy Goat Industry: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Please answer the following questions. Use additional space as needed.

1. Why do you want to be an WPDGA Youth Ambassador?
2. How do you plan to give back to the Dairy Goat Community through this position?
3. What unique qualities do you possess that make you an excellent candidate for this position?
4. Discuss any volunteer/community service involvement.
5. Discuss your involvement and role in 4-H and/or FFA.
6. Discuss your involvement in the Dairy Goat Community, whether it be at the local, state, or National level.
7. Please list and explain 3 goals you would have for your year as a Youth Ambassador. (Can be individual or as group)
8. Please describe your future plans beyond high school.

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY RELEASE, INFORMATION RELEASE, PHOTO RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

(Must be completed for each person under the age of 18)

Whereas, I desire for my child/ward to participate as a Youth Ambassador for the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Spring Show, I hereby agree to the following:

- 1) I assume full legal and financial responsibility for their participation as a Youth Ambassador.
- 2) I grant the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Youth Committee, and representatives, the authority to act in any attempt to safeguard and preserve his/her health and safety during their participation as a Youth Ambassador for the WPDGA including authorizing medical treatment and transportation on their/my behalf and at my expense. Accident and health insurance are recommended for his/her participation as a Youth Ambassador.
- 3) I agree my child/ward must conform to all applicable rules;
- 4) I voluntarily indemnify and hold harmless the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association, and Executive Committee, and representatives from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs or expenses (including attorney fees) arising out of my child/ward's participation as a Youth Ambassador for the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association;
- 5) I understand that the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association may take photographs and/or videos of Youth Ambassadors; I agree the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association shall be the owner of and may use such photographs and/or videos relating to the promotion of the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association. I relinquish all rights that I may claim relation to the use of said photographs and/or videos;
- 6) I also authorize the release of my child/ward's name, email address and area of representation, for the promotion of the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association.

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent Signature

Date

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I understand that I am applying to be a Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Youth Ambassador for the calendar year. I certify that I am between the ages of 5-18 on January 1 of my term year and will be a Member of the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association. I understand the outlined responsibilities of a Youth Ambassador and agree to complete those responsibilities while maintaining a positive attitude and image. I understand that violation of these terms can result in my removal from the program.

Applicant's Name (Please Print Clearly): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

I understand that my child is applying to be a Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Youth Ambassador. Participation in the Youth Ambassador program requires additional time commitments and responsibilities and I commit to assisting and supporting my child in completing their duties. I give the Western Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association permission for my child's name and photograph to be used in WPDGA promotional activities and paraphernalia.

Parent's Name (Please Print Clearly): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Applications are due postmarked on a firm deadline of May 1st to the WPDGA Youth Advisor

Mail or email (WPDGAscretary@gmail.com) Application to Leann Blasko 273 Kelly Road Portersville PA 16051 by May 1st