

Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association

WDGA Youth Representative Position Description

1. Assist the Youth Committee in planning or fundraising efforts.
2. The WDGA Youth Representative will represent the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association at the Wisconsin State Fair Youth and Open Dairy Goat Shows, WDGA State Show, and other regional shows as they are able.

*At WDGA State Show, it is encouraged WDGA Youth Representative participate in admin duties to learn more about how to run the show by assisting in at least one process among the following: Ring Steward, Show Secretary, Raffle Recruitment, Prize Acquisition, or Exhibitor Check-In.

3. Assist with the awards ceremonies at the Wisconsin State Fair Shows as capable
4. Assist with Youth Programming at the WDGA Fall Conference
5. Assist Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board with the 'Dairy Lane' educational dairy goat booth at the Wisconsin State Fair.
6. Provide dairy promotions through newspaper articles, radio interviews, and other media, or attending and/or speaking at special events as requested.
7. The WDGA Youth Representative shall wear a themed WDGA clothing (supplied by the association) when acting in an official capacity.
8. The selected Youth Representative must present an oral year-end report at the Fall General Membership meeting.
9. Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association Youth Representative will attend board meetings, participate in conversations and be considered as representing the voice of WDGA's youth members.

WDGA Youth Representative Eligibility:

- A. Youth must be between the ages of (12-20) twelve - twenty years of age as of January 1st the year they would serve.
- B. Youth must be a resident of the state of Wisconsin. The only exception to residency would be if a youth is a full-time student attending an out of state school, but is originally from the state of Wisconsin.
- C. The youth need to be a current member in good standing of the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association. Good standing is defined as having attended at least one membership meeting annually, been a WDGA member for a minimum of one year, and active in at least one WDGA event as listed in Article 3 Section 1.
- D. The youth needs to be involved in dairy goats while having the knowledge of how to milk a goat and willingness to share their knowledge of dairy goats and the industry.
- E: Youth cannot be youth representative in consecutive years but can apply more than once.

Timeline of Selection: An announcement will be made at the same time as newly elected directors as to who the new youth representative will be.

Tenure: They will take their role effective January 1st of 2026 and serve as the WDGA Youth Rep until December 31st 2026

Benefits:

- A: Youth representatives will receive Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association logo apparel to be worn at any Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association event or function they are required to attend. The youth representative is allowed to keep these items at the end of their term. A spending limit of \$50.00 is allowed. Youth may buy more items at their own expense.
- B: The Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association agrees to underwrite mileage at the current state rate per mile one way from home to any association sponsored function in which the youth representative is required to attend up to \$250.00 per year **OR** a \$250.00 scholarship may be issued for costs accrued to attend the ADGA National Convention. Itemized receipt of mileage or proof of attendance is required to receive a scholarship.
- C: Opportunity to serve on the WDGA Board to represent the youth

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Youth Representative Application

Name:

Address:

Birthday:

Email:

Phone Number:

Are You a WDGA Membership (Y or N):

Number of Years Involved in Dairy Goats:

Name of Parent/ Guardian:

Parent/ Guardian Contact Information:

Essay Question: What is the most profound experience you have had with your dairy goats? (Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Essays are Due to the WDGA Secretary by **December 15th**. Email applications and essays to auckm12@gmail.com.