



NATIONAL BROWN SWISS ASSOCIATION ***2025 Animal-Purchase Grant***

The Brown Swiss Association awards a \$1000 grant, annually to youth to apply toward the purchase of a registered Brown Swiss animal. Applicants are encouraged to reapply each year.

Requirements: The applicant must be at least 11 and not yet 22 by **January 1, 2025 and** must have been a National Brown Swiss Member for at least three years including the current year. In order to receive the grant money, youth must submit a purchase order/receipt by December 31, 2025 to the national office to be awarded the money.

Grant Guidelines: Applicant must show proof of building a registered Brown Swiss herd by

1) submitting a copy of the current DHI herd test sheet showing applicant's name as herd owner or co-owner or
2) by submitting a signed affidavit from county or state extension personnel, FFA advisor or Brown Swiss field representative or state secretary/treasurer who has visited the farm and viewed the herd. The grant will be applied toward the purchase of a registered Brown Swiss.

- The grant will be awarded when proof of sale and transfer application showing the junior as a new owner reaches the national office. Payment will be made directly to the seller or sales management handling the sale. Registration papers will be released to the buyer once all payments are made.

Rules/Judging Procedures

- Applications will be screened by Brown Swiss Association staff members for compliance.
- Three dairy industry or Brown Swiss professionals will make the final selection.
- The recipient will be announced at the **2025** National Awards Banquet in Lebanon, PA
- A scholarship or grant may be awarded each year, there is no restriction. The award will be selected based on quality of application.
- A junior may receive a scholarship or grant from the Brown Swiss Association only one time.

Please Note:

This award is very competitive. Sometimes it can come down to details provided. Make sure to read your application for errors and include grade transcripts and letters of recommendation (if required.) If you requested your school to send your grades directly to the national office, do some follow up and make sure they were sent. Any of these details could make a difference in the judge's decision.



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Name: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Birth Date: _____ **Year became national junior member:** _____

School Address: _____
City State Zip Code

School Phone Number: _____

Year purchased first registered Brown Swiss: _____

Current number of Brown Swiss owned: _____

Years Enrolled in: FFA _____ **4-H** _____

Brown Swiss Participation: *(list chronologically starting with most recent year)*

| Activity/Award | Leadership Role | Year(s) |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>(Ex: State Junior Association member</i> | <i>Jr. President</i> | <i>2014-2015)</i> |
| <i>(National Junior Bell Ringer</i> | | <i>2012, 2014)</i> |

Community, school, college, and church involvement, activities, and awards: *(List chronologically and systematically starting with most recent year- things to include: Organization, activities, awards, and year)*

Example:

Leadership

- FFA- President **2015**

Honors

- 4-H Tops in 4-H **2015**
- FFA
 - Dairy Entrepreneur Proficiency- 2nd at State, Gold at Nationals 2014 **2015**
 - Agricultural Sales- 1st at State, 8th at Nationals, 18th individual **2014**
 - Dairy Evaluation-1st at State and 7th at Nationals **2013**

Number of Brown Swiss currently owned:

Cows _____ Bred Heifers _____ Open Heifers and Calves _____

Other breeds:

Cows _____ Bred Heifers _____ Open Heifers and Calves _____

On official test: Yes _____ No _____ Classify: Yes _____ No _____

Describe your current farm operation: (Alone or partnership, dairy facilities, feed source, breeding practices, etc.)

More and more farmers are utilizing genomics to select sires for mating's. How have you used genomics in your own herd? How do you believe they will play a role in the future of the dairy industry?

Describe your 5 and 10-year plans for your herd. What are some of your long-term goals?

Describe any further involvement you have with the Brown Swiss breed or the dairy industry.

Describe some of your future educational, career, and life goals.

What are some of your hobbies and interests?

Recommendation: All applicants must include one letter of recommendation of less than 300 words written by their county or state extension representative or high school/college instructor.

Additional Documents:

If applying for a grant, you must show proof of building a herd by enclosing one of the following:

- 1) Copy of DHI test sheet, showing applicant as herd owner or co-owner of herd
- 2) Signed affidavit from county or state extension personnel, FFA advisor or Brown Swiss area representative or secretary-treasurer who has visited the farm and viewed the herd.
- 3) Also include a profile picture of him/herself and have a photo of the applicant with a Brown Swiss animal.

To my knowledge, all of the above information provided and enclosed is correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

DEADLINE: March 31ST, 2025

Send completed application to:

Youth Scholarship/Animal Purchase Grant

Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association

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